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'90 pct. of customer calls were about water issues'

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Adelina Roberto and other board members expressed alarm yesterday over the water supply problems in the CNMI, noting that 90 percent of calls to CUC's Call Center were about water issues.

"I want the Water Division to be aware of this. We can't just continue seeing this kind of message," said Roberto during the board meeting.

According to the call center's report, of the 1,596 total work orders log for the month of September this year, 1,110 were calls about water issues, 367 were about power, and 129 were about sewer.

On calls for power, water, and sewer, a total of 324 trouble calls were created or acted upon. The call center received a total of 8,455 calls for the same month and answered 7,446.

Roberto pointed out that of the 1,110 calls for water issues, only 178 trouble calls were created, or not even 20 percent of the issues.

"They [customers] are our revenue. They are our employers. They give you your paycheck. So let's try to start addressing this water repair.

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House panel wants license for home brewers

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The House Committee on Commerce and Tourism wants individuals who are making their own liquor for personal consumption to also have a license to operate even if they only do it at home. Committee chair Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) said this is part of the technical amendments they discussed on House Bill 19-163 that was introduced by Rep. Lorenzo I.

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NEW VESTS JON PEREZ

Department of Public Safety staff poses with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, middle, and special assistant of the CNMI homeland security Gerald Deleon Guerrero, middle right, yesterday at the Governor's Office conference room.

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Guam man who killed 3 tourists begs for shorter sentence

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A man sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing three Japanese tourists in a crash and stabbing rampage in Guam has apologized for his actions and is asking a judge for mercy.

Guam Superior Court Judge Anita Sukola heard closing arguments Monday in a hearing on 24-year-old Chad De Soto's request to lower his conviction from aggravated murder to murder. The reduced conviction could make him eligible for release after 15 years, *The Pacific Daily News* reported.

De Soto drove his car through a group of pedestrians in Tumon in February 2013, striking Hitoshi Yokota, 51, who died at a hospital two days later. De Soto then got out of the vehicle and stabbed to death Kazuko Uehara, 81, and Rie Sugiyama, 29. DeSoto was also convicted of injuring 11 others in the attack.

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Local

DPS gets new bulletproof vests

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres met up with officials of the Department of Public Safety and Office of the Attorney General yesterday to take ownership of new bulletproof vests that will be distributed to officers as soon as today, Oct. 13.

The new vests were purchased with the help of the Department of Homeland Security.

"When the gun ban was lifted, we've been thinking about the safety of the officers. And we had a long [discussion] with the governor to expedite the purchase of bulletproof vests. So with their support, Homeland Security was very generous in supporting our law enforcement," said DPS Commissioner Robert Guerrero.

The new vests are a slimmer form of body armor. Being a level two GH armor, it can withstand the shot of almost very handgun. It is also lighter than most vests to combat the heat of the islands and allow officers to move more freely.

Torres said, "You guys [officers] are always out, so you need to make sure to use it because …if something happens, it [vest] will be there to protect everyone's lives."

"It's another step that the governor has taken to provide protection for our officers on duty," Guerrero said.

Collectively, there are about 160 officers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, with every officer obligated to be equipped with a vest. Each of them is worth about $700 a set.

"The vests have two parts: The carrier, which is the black thing on the surface, and the plate, which is inside. The plate itself is actually flexible, so it bends to the shape of the person's body, so that's why it took awhile for the vests to be purchased, Guerrero said.

One-hundred-and-seventy vests were purchased for a total of almost $100,000. They were funded federally through Homeland Security.

"Our officers are out there doing what they are supposed to be doing. This is just a way to get them protected from anybody with a handgun. Our biggest concern right now is the use of illegal handguns." Guerrero added.

When asked if the withdrawal of the banning of firearms caused them more concern pertaining to gun safety, the commissioner said, "Permitwise, we're looking at about six applicants and that's about it. I'm not concerned so much as people having handguns because they are accounted for. It's the ones not accounted for that law enforcements are worried about."

In addition to the bulletproof vest, DPS also received a total of seven new cars with eight more being ordered. About two or three will be sent to Rota while Tinian will purchase their own.

The American Memorial Park is located in Garapan and contains a World War II memorial inside along with WWII screenings on scheduled times.

MICHAEL SANTOS

Chamorro history lecture at the AMP

Members of the public were allowed to get a glimpse of the latest findings on Chamorro history on the night of Oct 11 at the American Memorial Park's Visitors Center.

Featuring Dr. Peter Bellwood, Dr. Mike T. Carson, and Dr. Hsiao-chun Hung, the three talked about their recent findings in the LaoLao Bay area as well as other ancient Chamorro sites.

Bellwood, an emeritus professor of the School of Archaeology and Anthropology at the Australian National University, spoke about the oldest Chamorro sites and compared it to the vast majority of archaeology found in the Asia-Pacific region.

Carson, an associate professor of archaeology at the Micronesian Area Research Center in the University of Guam, worked with Hung, a senior research fellow in the departments of Archaeology and Natural History at the Australian National University, to discuss their work in Laolao Bay.

One member of the audience said, "I want to learn more about the place I live in. I may not be Chamorro but I do want to know more about the people who lived here and how they became who they are now."

The event started at 6pm and ended around 8pm after questions from the audience were answered. The lectures were sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. The council has a host of upcoming events such as "Almost Sunrise" screenings on Oct. 15 and their 13th annual poetry competition on Oct. 18. For more information, call (670) 235-4785. ***(Michael Santos)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of the Minutes – September 15, 2016 & September 23, 2016

II. REPORTS:
- A. Report by the Chairman
- B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

IV. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Commonwealth Casino Regulations – Public Comments
- B. Commonwealth Casino Regulations – Approval and Adoption of Permanent Regulations

V. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Proposed Order from Commission
- B. Casino Key Employee – Regular License:
  1. Kwong, Yiu Ling ("Mr. Kwong") -- Chief Operations Officer (COO)
  2. Cheang, Ka Hou ("Henry") – SVP – Electronic Gaming (EVP – Corporate)
  3. Chew, Chia Teck ("Teck") – Assistant VP of Surveillance
  4. Ng, Iok Lan ("Cecilia") – VP of Gaming Projects & Administration
  5. Ho, Leng Kun ("Jack") -- SVP – Table Games
- C. Casino Service Provider – Gaming:
  1. Regular License: Aruze Gaming America Incorporation (Gaming machines and peripherals)
  2. Provisional License: Dallmeier Electronic (Surveillance Monitors & Related Equipment) Issued 10/07/16
- D. Casino Vendor – Provisional Licenses (Non-Gaming). Valid for One Year (*).
  1. Tropical Laundry & Linen Company, Ltd. (Dry Cleaning & Laundry): Issued 9/28/16
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  11. YWA Human Resource CNMI, Corp (Manpower Services) – (*) Six Month License: Issued 10/12/16
  12. Marianas Enterprises Limited (Construction Consultancy/Manpower): Issued 10/12/16
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  14. Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc. (Stevedoring & Terminal Services, etc): Issued 10/12/16

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. Report by the Legal Counsel
- B. Commission Personnel Matters

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:
- A. Status of the Bond Offering
- B. Workforce Plan: Personnel Training, Employment & Recruitment Efforts
- C. Construction Progress Report – Grand Mariana Project
- D. Responsible Gaming – Problem Gambling
- E. Other

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

Suspected masked robbers enter house, beat up, tie woman

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A 44-year-old woman was injured when a group of masked persons beat her up, tied her arms behind her back, and taped her mouth during a robbery at her residence in Gualo Rai on early Monday morning.

The suspects managed to take only a cell phone as they ran away when the victim's roommate arrived at the house, police said.

The victim suffered minor injuries to the face. She refused to be brought to the hospital.

Police Officer Jason Tarkong said yesterday that the NMI Crime Stoppers Program is seeking public's help for information about the suspects.

Tarkong said police officers responded to the victim's residence on Monday at 2:47am, and found her in the living room with her hands tied behind her back and tape covering her mouth.

Tarkong said the police learned that the victim was asleep in her bedroom when she was awakened by the sound of a bedroom window being shattered.

Three to five suspects, possibly male, dressed in black clothing and wearing black masks and dark shoes, entered the victim's bedroom.

The victim ran down the hallway, but the suspects captured her. The suspects punched her on the head several times and tied her arms and taped her mouth shut.

During the beating, the victim's roommate arrived, prompting the suspects to escape through the window.

The victim ran away to the neighbors' for help and the police were then contacted.

The Department of Public Safety and Crime Stoppers need the public's help for information about the case or on the identity of the suspects, said Tarkong, who is also coordinator for Crime Stoppers.

Prosecution gives immunity to witness in Jackson trial

The prosecution called yesterday five more witnesses in the ongoing retrial of Michael Anthony Jackson, a 38-year-old man who is facing charges of kidnapping and raping a then-15-year-old girl in 2010 on Saipan.

The jury trial will continue this morning, Thursday. The victim is expected to testify.

Among the government's witnesses yesterday was Ashiqur Rahaman, also known as Simon Kosam.

Rahaman is an ex-convict who has a pending two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree case for allegedly engaging in sex with his 15-year-old girlfriend twice.

In 2015, Rahaman pleaded guilty to assault and battery.

Assistant attorney general Shannon R. Foley, counsel for the government, signed yesterday an immunity agreement with Rahaman and his court-appointed counsel, Jennifer Dockter, so he could testify against Jackson.

Rahaman is a relative of the alleged victim. He was with the alleged victim prior to her allegedly being kidnapped and raped by Jackson.

Without objection from defense counsel Charles P. Reyes Jr., Associate Judge Joseph

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WATER

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This is a lot. We have to be very aggressive," Roberto said.

Board treasurer Joe Torres agreed with Roberto that the calls for water issues are too many.

"Can the management address this as a team?" Torres asked.

Board member Ignacio Perez complained that he was on Rota, yet he received calls about water interruptions in San Vicente, Saipan.

"I think that's the reason why Budweiser says people tend to buy more Bud Light than any other drinks because during the water outage, everybody drinks Bud Light," said Perez, drawing laughter from other board members and CUC staff who attended the meeting.

Roberto said the CUC management should do something and do better about the water problem on Saipan.

"There is a big problem here," she said.

CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho said they will address the issue and will meet with the Water Division management.

CUC IT analyst/acting call center manager Alain Nunez explained how they receive the calls, why they fail to answer some of the calls, and the duplication of calls due to similar issues.

Nunez disclosed that in one weekend, they received 700 calls in a day.

He said when one village gets hit by power interruption, suddenly all the calls are coming at the same time and there are only two staff to answer the calls.

Nunez said he is talking about an emergency situation such as a transformer exploding and people from a certain village would start calling the call center.

CUC also has a hotline but a voicemail answers the calls.

Nunez said a lot of calls usually happen when there is a water leak. He said a customer would call about the leak, then call again later, and call again to follow up on what's happening.

Nunez said they transmit the calls to their respective division supervisors through emails or radios.

Torres said he wants the CUC management to come up with a plan to address the customer service part.

"We understand there's a number of calls that come on water leak, there are so many. Sometimes the accommodations are not there. We have to come up with a solution to our customers because customers are our employers," Torres said.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Adelina Roberto, board member Ignacio Perez, and treasurer Joe Torres listen to CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho (not seen in the photo) explain the management report during yesterday's board meeting. Also in the photo reading some documents is vice chair Eric San Nicolas.

FERDIE DELA TORRE

DEMOLITION JOB

Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts volunteers demolish a 20-year-old house in Koblerville last Oct. 1 in preparation for the Mennonites Disaster Services to take over the following week to construct a new house that is typhoon-resistant.

ERWIN ENCINARES

HOUSE

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Deleon Guerrero.

The intention of Deleon Guerrero's bill is to amend the CNMI's alcoholic beverage control statutes like exempting licenses for those who produce alcoholic beverages at home for personal consumption. The committee made recommendations and will re-language the bill to include the technical amendments that were discussed. The bill is still at the committee level.

Guerrero said that requiring a person to also obtain a license would make him accountable for the health risks involved. "There's no law yet that [regulates] the non-commercial manufacture and personal consumption of alcoholic beverages."

"Manufacturing *tuba* at home has been part of the island culture and the trade is handed down in families. We just wanted to make sure that they also have a license for health reasons," said Guerrero, who added that these people would apply for non-commercial license.

"It is only for personal consumption and not re-selling. They just only wanted to share it for small gatherings for legal aged guests. We just want to avoid the health risks since what would happen if somebody gets sick?"

"We don't want the *tuba* to be tainted and when shared with other legal aged drinkers, they all get sick. Who will be accountable and who would monitor them? The intent of the bill is to have a license so you are allowed to make an alcoholic beverage at home provided you follow the federal regulations," said Guerrero.

The home brewers will no longer pay any additional taxes since they had already paid an excise tax when they buy their own ingredients. They would only be allowed to produce 10 gallons of alcoholic beverages—beer, *tuba*, or wine—per batch.

The federal model for the non-commercial use is if there are two adults in a family you are allowed to produce 200 gallons per year; if there's only one, 100 gallons.

GUAM

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He read a written statement in court directed to the victims, their families and the people of Guam.

"I hope that this apology may also be the start of healing for those who need it, as it is something you all automatically and without question deserve as well," De Soto said. "Your honor, with my heart enormously humble, I beg you for your understanding and mercy."

De Soto said he was sorry for the pain and tragedy he caused and asked the court not to base his life solely on night of Feb. 12, 2013.

"The AG's office, the community, the entire world has zoomed into a single day in my life, hyper analyzed it and have judged me immensely for it," De Soto read from his statement. "But that is not the only day I have lived."

Prosecutors oppose leniency for De Soto, saying he should be needs to be held accountable for his actions.

"Did you feel mercy when you crushed Hitoshi Yokota with your car?" Chief Prosecutor Phillip Tydingco asked De Soto. "Did you feel mercy when you stabbed to death Kazuko Uehara? Did you feel mercy when you stabbed to death Rie (Sugiyama). the mother and grandmother trying to save their babies from you slashing them?"

Jocelyn Roden, De Soto's attorney, also asked Sukola to consider her client's mental illness and take into account that he had no previous criminal record.

The judge has 90 days to decide on De Soto's request for a reduced conviction.

PROSECUTION

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Camacho, who is presiding over the trial, granted the immunity agreement.

Under the immunity agreement, the government and Rahaman agree that in exchange for his testimony in the Jackson trial, the testimony will not be used against him (Rahaman) in any criminal case.

Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub is the chief prosecutor in the Jackson case.

Police said the girl had just come from an Internet café and was walking along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu on her way home on Oct. 9, 2010, at about 1am when Jackson forced her into his car, brought her to an open field at the Saipan Airport, and raped her inside his vehicle.

The girl later managed to run away, police said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Junket operators to soon function like in Macau

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Junket operators would function like the ones in Macau once the Grand Mariana Casino & Hotel Resort opens early next year, according to Best Sunshine International Ltd. chief executive officer Mark Brown.

The Commonwealth Casino Commission had granted Big Bang Entertainment of Korea a provisional junket operator license, with at least 18 more applicants waiting to be vetted.

Brown said that they are working closely with the casino commission to speed up the vetting process. "We're working closely with the [casino commission] to speed up the vetting process since there are 17 or 18 applications on file."

"They [casino commission] will look at their [junket operator applicant] current license now where they can actually make phone calls to other casino commissions, either in Macau or other places to speed up the process," Brown said.

He said the approved junket operator functions more on an individual basis. "The junket operator approved is not what it is used to be like in Macau. We have like a profit sharing junket business in Macau and the same thing will happen once the Grand Mariana opens."

Big Bang is a Korean-owned junket operator where they bring in customers in Korea and Japan.

"Right now we're happy to have one junket operator approved and we're hoping more would follow," said Brown.

He added that the casino commission would scrutinize all of those who are applying as junket operators. "They are asking for our help on the individuals that applied as far as investigating them on the junket side of things."

"They always said from the start that if somebody or company applied for a junket license that is currently a junket operator either in Macau or let's say Australia they would look closely into that," he added.

CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, in an earlier interview with *Saipan Tribune*, said they won't be imposing a limit on how many junket operators they would allow to do business on Saipan. He said junket operators are a part of the gaming industry.

Saipan, despite BSI operating only a temporary casino, had been competing with the likes of Macau, Las Vegas, Singapore, and the Philippines in terms of attracting casino gamers on the island.

Saipan beach gets red flag

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the DPW Channel Bridge and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this location contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

DOJ, law enforcers work to rebuild trust

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The officer shootings, racial profiling, and police deaths in the U.S. is creating ripples not just across the United States but also in its territories, according to U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI Alicia Limtiaco.

"The tragic events that we have all listened to and heard about in the U.S. mainland impact everyone across the country," she said.

Because of this, the U.S. Department of Justice, in collaboration with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, proclaimed Oct. 2-8 as National Community Policing Week to prioritize building trust and strong bonds between law enforcement agencies and the community where they operate in.

"We have met with our law enforcement partners both local and federal. We've discussed these issues and these events and talked about what we could do on the ground here on our island community to strengthen our relationships and to have a more collaborative working relationship with our various partners and stakeholders," said Limtiaco.

NCPW is about dedicating efforts into strengthening the relationship between the community and the law enforcement—something that has been deteriorating in the U.S.

"This is something that we want to do on a day to day basis, so this is about highlighting and emphasizing how important it is that we have to work together in order to prevent crime," Limtiaco said.

According to her, NCPW is about mutual respect and improvement of understanding and interaction between one another, and recognizing the fact that everybody on island is from the same community, all while considering the safety of one another.

"We all have an investment to protect our children, our families, and our friends here," said Limtiaco.

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This moratorium notice shall be in effect until such time that the CNMI Secretary of Labor publishes a new notice on this matter.

Governor and first lady donate to CHCC Volunteers

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and first lady Diann Torres sponsored the $200 baby grand prize of the Commonwealth Healthcare Volunteers Thanksgiving Day Raffle, with the presentation of the donation yesterday, at the CHCC Gift Shop.

Intended to raise funds to replace the outdated IV system throughout the hospital, the first lady invited the public to purchase tickets for the raffle at the CHCC Gift Shop.

"I just want the general public to come out and support the CHCCVA. They have been here for so long and have done so much for the community and for the facility itself. Come out, buy your tickets today! They are $5 a booklet and you can win a trip to Manila, courtesy of Philippine Airlines and some cash money," said Diann Torres.

She touted the benefit of supporting the raffle, saying it benefits everyone. "Everybody is affected. Everybody comes to the [hospital], so even if one person wins the grand prize, everybody takes part in the facility and anything that they donate to the facility."

Gov. Ralph Torres thanked the volunteers and those that have volunteered before them for their services.

"I just also want to thank the volunteers for spending their time to be here for 30 years. For those in the past who was part of the Volunteer Service, they are the reason why we continue to fight for the cause. They are the reason the retirees come out here and volunteer their services, that just means a lot to all of us. To show them that we do appreciate that, we'd like to also support what they are volunteering for," he said.

CHCC Volunteers Association treasurer Rieko Guerrero is thankful for the donation, and shared that the CHCCVA as a whole is committed to improving the only hospital in the CNMI for the benefit of those that live here.

"We really appreciate the governor, the first lady, and Philippine Airlines and all others for joining this fantastic Thanksgiving raffle," she said.

For those interested in buying tickets, they can be bought at the CHCC gift shop or by calling the hospital at 234-8950 or contacting CHCCVA president John Gonzales at 285-6382.

ERWIN ENCINARES
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, rightmost, and first lady Diann Torres, fourth from right, pose with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Volunteers Association officers outside of the CHCC Gift Shop last Tuesday, after the donation of the baby grand prize to be given away for the CHCCVA Thanksgiving Raffle.

CHCC raising funds for hospital's new IV system

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Volunteers Association is conducting a fundraiser to raise money for the hospital's the new intravenous system.

IV system are used in order to infuse necessary fluids such as nutritional formulas and drugs directly into a patient's veins to substitute the traditional eating and ingesting of nutrients and medications for patients who are incapable of doing so.

CHCCVA president John Oliver Gonzales said that Saipan's lone hospital is in dire need of a new IV system due to the manufacturer being unable to support the outdated IV system at the hospital.

"With the support of the [Torres] administration, our government leaders, the Legislature, and the entire community, funding is needed to purchase the supplies and especially the equipment of the hospital facilities, so everything is need-based," he said.

Gonzales said the hospital needs an estimated $400,000 to replace its outdated IV system. This amount was echoed by Gov. Ralph Torres.

In order to raise funds for the hospital's needs, the CHCCVA is holding a Thanksgiving Day raffle to support the replacement.

"Patients come in to the hospital and require rehydration through the intravenous medium, so there is a compelling need that work with the hospital, CHCCVA, and thankfully, the governor and the first lady in raising money," said Gonzales.

With a goal to raise $50,000, Gonzales invites the public to purchase tickets, which includes a grand prize of a roundtrip to Manila for two, courtesy of Philippine Airlines, a baby grand prize of $200, and a total of 30 Thanksgiving Day Turkey Baskets in celebration of the organization's 30th anniversary.

"Preliminary estimates are around a little over 400,000 to rewire the entire hospital, replacing it with the latest IV system network technology. This must be done. We do not have adequate funding, so we are respectfully asking the general community to buy the tickets for today's kickoff for the 30th anniversary Thanksgiving raffle. The money you donate, every single penny, will go toward the new IV system network for the hospital," he said.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy, at the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, is due to expire on June 10, 2017. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new four-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: (1) conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trying and disposing of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings delegated bythe District Judge; and (4) trying and disposing of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge is described in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

Written comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court. Comments must be received by November 7, 2016. Send written comments to:

Amanda Hayes, Chambers Administrator
U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands
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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
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Hyatt says goodbye to Mrs. Lucy

Aldan

With heavy hearts, Hyatt Regency Saipan says "goodbye" to materials manager Lucy P. Aldan as she retires after 34 years of dedication to the corporation.

More fondly known as Mrs. Lucy, she began her hospitality career part-time as a receiving reports clerk at night while balancing a full-time position as an educator for the Public School System during the day, a wife to a firefighter husband, and, mother of three children. As time passed, Mrs. Lucy realized she enjoyed the hospitality career and made the transition into being a full-time employee of Hyatt Regency Saipan in the purchasing department. She then moved up the corporate ladder from payroll, to human resources, engineering and finally as the materials manager for the hotel where she retires today.

When asked what kept her with Hyatt Regency Saipan for over 34 years, Mrs. Lucy replied, "That's easy. First let me tell you what it was not. It was not the pay or the benefits—those were the perks I shared with my colleagues. It was the people, the people I encountered every day. I watched how they were so passionate about their work, about the hotel, about the guests, about each other. And I learned. I learned from them, my peers. I found the same passion within me. I grew to share that same passion with my colleagues and it kept me motivated for over 34 years."

The oldest in existence with a legacy of hospitality, Hyatt Regency Saipan is the only international hotel brand on the island since its establishment on Dec. 1, 1980. With development and progression over many years, the one element most significant to the corporation is its people—the human connection between colleagues, and hotel guests and colleagues. Aldan clearly found a second family with her colleagues—a family that cared for her as she did for them.

When asked to leave a message by which she will be remembered, she took a moment to collect her thoughts and replied, "It would be this: take every opportunity you get. Grow—spiritually, emotionally, mentally and professionally. Hyatt gave me an opportunity way back, and I took it. I made the best of it. Find a good group of colleagues who are genuine like you and who will help you learn from your mistakes. Nothing comes easy in this life but it's the things that we work for the most that mean the most. I made it work for me, and, that is what I would say to the next generation and those currently in the work force."

Mrs. Lucy has already planned out the rest of her year – she will catch up on Hawaii 5.0 via Netflix; return to her childhood roots of farming; focus more on her personal health to ensure she is around longer for her six grandchildren; and, especially spend as much time as she can with her mother.

On behalf of your Hyatt Regency Saipan family and with heavy hearts we say "goodbye" to Mrs. Lucy, nevertheless, the memories are with us for a lifetime. Thank you for your dedication and best of luck to you in all your adventures.

About Hyatt Regency Saipan

Hyatt Regency Saipan, a 316-room hotel, is located in Garapan, Saipan, the island's shopping and entertainment district. It features 14 acres of lush tropical gardens, with lagoons and the magnificent Micro Beach. On the beautiful Pacific island of Saipan, in the Northern Marianas, our luxury rooms and suites overlooking the beautiful, landscaped hotel gardens offer our guests lavish amenities. Reservations for Hyatt Regency Saipan can be made by calling +1 670 234 1234 or by visiting saipan.regency.hyatt.com.

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Materials manager Lucy P. Aldan, in white, is surrounded by her accounting and purchasing materials team. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Friday is deadline for Humanities Awards nominations

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is reminding the public that the deadline for submitting nominations for the 2016 Governor's Humanities Awards is this Friday, Oct. 14, at 4:30pm.

Individuals and organizations may be nominated in one of five categories: Research and Publication in the Humanities; Preservation of CNMI History; Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Outstanding Humanities Teacher (both in and outside of the classroom); and Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities.

Nomination forms and instructions are available on the council's website www.northernmarianashumanities.org or at the council's office in Gualo Rai.

Awards will be presented during the council's 25th anniversary dinner at Pacific Islands Club on Friday, Oct. 28.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. ***(PR)***

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Home invasion in Gualo Rai

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for a home invasion that occurred at a residence in Gualo Rai village.

Early Monday morning, Oct. 10, 2016, at about 2:47am, the Department of Public Safety responded to the incident and found the victim, a 44-year-old local female, in the living room with her hands tied behind her back and tape covering her mouth. Police learned the victim was asleep in her bedroom when she awoke to the sound of the bedroom window shattering. Three to five suspects, possibly male, dressed in black clothing, wearing black masks and dark shoes, entered her bedroom while the victim ran down her hallway but was captured by the suspects.

The suspect(s) assaulted the victim by punching her in the head several times while other suspect(s) tied her arms behind her back and taped her mouth shut. During the assault the victim's roommate arrived at the residence. The suspects escaped through the same window and the victim ran away to the neighbors for help and the police were contacted. The victim suffered minor injuries to her face and refused transport to the hospital by Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services ambulance. A cell phone was missing.

DPS and Crime Stoppers need your help. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234- 7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net Crime Stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. ***(Crime Stoppers)***

Pacific dialogue centers on human rights

NADI, Fiji—A regional consultation has opened in Fiji today on the participation of Pacific Island countries in the United Nations-led review process of national human rights records.

The consultation will assist 11 Pacific countries to prepare for the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) by sharing stories of impact and major gains, including examples of best practice in the region.

It is the latest event organized by the Pacific Community (SPC) through its Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) to help countries commit to, and observe, international human rights standards.

Supported by the European Union, the Government of the Netherlands and the Australian Government, the four-day (11-14 October) human rights dialogue in Nadi provides a platform for Pacific countries to share their experiences with the UPR process and learn from one another.

In her opening remarks, SPC Deputy Director-General, Dr. Audrey Aumua, saluted the efforts under the UPR process to date by Federated State of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

"The Pacific region has been able to utilize the Universal Periodic Review mechanism, as well as other treaty body processes, and these have provided an opportunity to promote and protect the rights of Pacific people, focused at the national level," Aumua said.

"This south-south learning on relevant challenges and achievements is important and so is documenting the journey of interacting with this global UN process, not only for ourselves but as an accountability process for people in our region," she said.

All Pacific States have completed two four-year UPR cycles (2008-2011 and 2013-2016), with the third set to take place over four years from April 2017 to 2021.

For Pacific countries that are UN Member States, it provides the opportunity to draw the world's attention to the realities and challenges of implementing human rights and declare what actions they have taken to improve human rights in their countries.

This includes how States have begun to implement the human rights recommendations from the UPR; the challenges small islands states experience in implementing accepted recommendations; and identifying possible strategies towards advancing recommendations.

The dialogue this week will raise awareness of challenges that may need addressing with the assistance of donors and other bilateral partnerships, and also map implementation strategies between reviews, including identifying policies, models, mechanisms and tools for implementation. ***(SPC)***

Department of Labor collects over $1.3M in unpaid wages

In efforts to strengthen compliance with labor rules and regulations, the Department of Labor has successfully collected a total of $1,360,267 in unpaid wages due to employees of various employers.

According to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, withholding earned wages and unlawful overtime business practices affect the economy in the long run.

"The stability and growth potential of the Commonwealth's economy depend upon active participation by our workforce. The Commonwealth has a relatively small population and an even smaller available workforce population. I recognize the diligence and hard work of the Department of Labor in ensuring compliance and fair labor practices as we move forward to ensure adequate and meaningful opportunities for all our workers," he said.

Noting that economic development and workforce support are synonymous, the department has tremendously improved and increased its enforcement activities, ensuring employer compliance of CNMI employment laws such as in the areas of increased percentage of workforce participation rates, submission of required reports from employers to the CNMI Department of Labor such as that of the quarterly workforce listing and annual submission of a workforce plan in line with the transition of foreign workers by prioritizing the hiring of status qualified participants.

Torres said that the department has instilled employee confidence while increasing awareness of employee employment rights.

"With these assurances and continuous community outreach, the department has seen an increase of labor complaints and unpaid wage recoveries holding businesses accountable and collecting for employees on their owed wages. The increase in mediating labor complaints has definitely improved as we move forward with our economy on the rebound," he said. ***(Office of the Governor)***

Join the CNMI 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade

In celebration of the 99th anniversary of the miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal, Dr. Celia Lamkin, rosary rally captain for the CNMI and Guam, in collaboration with the El Shaddai Charismatic Group Saipan, would like to invite everyone to join the 2016 Public Square Rosary Rally that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 11:30am to 1pm, at the Filcom Pavilion, near Sabalu Market in Susupe. The actual rosary rally starts at noon.

This is important as it is near the time that the miracle of the sun took place in Fatima on Oct. 13, 1917. We wish to honor our Lady and our Lord within this time frame, said Lamkin.

"This is the sixth year that I will be a rosary rally captain since 2011. The first Public Square Rosary Rally I organized together with late Escolastica 'Esco' Cabrera was held in front of the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Susupe, followed by the rosary rally that I organized at the Garapan Fishing Base in October 2012 , the Rosary Rally at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe in 2013 and 2014, and at Mincahom Atdao Pavilion in 2015," said Lamkin.

"With all the many trials and near death experiences, I believe that I still have a mission on this earth. "

For more information, call Johnny Gacayan at 287-3140 and Jovy Brondo at 288-1697. ***(PR)***

Man strangles, punches girlfriend inside store

A 24-year-old man allegedly strangled, punched, and slammed his girlfriend during an argument inside the Island Shave Ice Store in Garapan on Friday night.

Eleuterio Apolonio Romolor Teregeyo was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $10,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on Oct. 20 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for the defendant. Acting chief prosecutor Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Police detective John Anthony Hofschneider stated in his report that Teregeyo and his girlfriend got into an argument. As the victim tried to leave the Shave Ice Store, Teregeyo allegedly started assaulting her.

A group of juveniles witnessed the incident and called 911.

One witness took a video of the assault using a cellphone. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

DONATIONS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Liberty Plaza and Joeten Enterprises, through the Athlete's Foot, donates items to the school's physical education program. The Athlete's Foot donated water shoes for elementary kids, while Liberty Plaza donated a Baggo playset. On hand to receive the donations were elementary level students, PE teacher Francis San Nicolas, Athletic director John Blanco, and school principal Frances Taimanao.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA board meeting on Oct. 18

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Survivors & caregivers support meeting on Oct. 13

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Oct. 13, 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Kagman High announcements

Calling all Kagman High School alumni, parents, stakeholders and community partners! This Friday, Oct. 14 2016, Kagman High School is open to the public to celebrate its Annual Cultural Day event from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. This year the cultures of Ponpei, Chuuk, Palau and the CNMI will be in the spotlight.

Kagman High will be hosting the next Joint Kagman Schools PTSA at Chacha Oceanview Middle school on Oct. 20, from 5pm to 6pm. The meeting is for parents of all children who attend any of the three Kagman schools: KagES, COVMS or KHS. ***(PR)***

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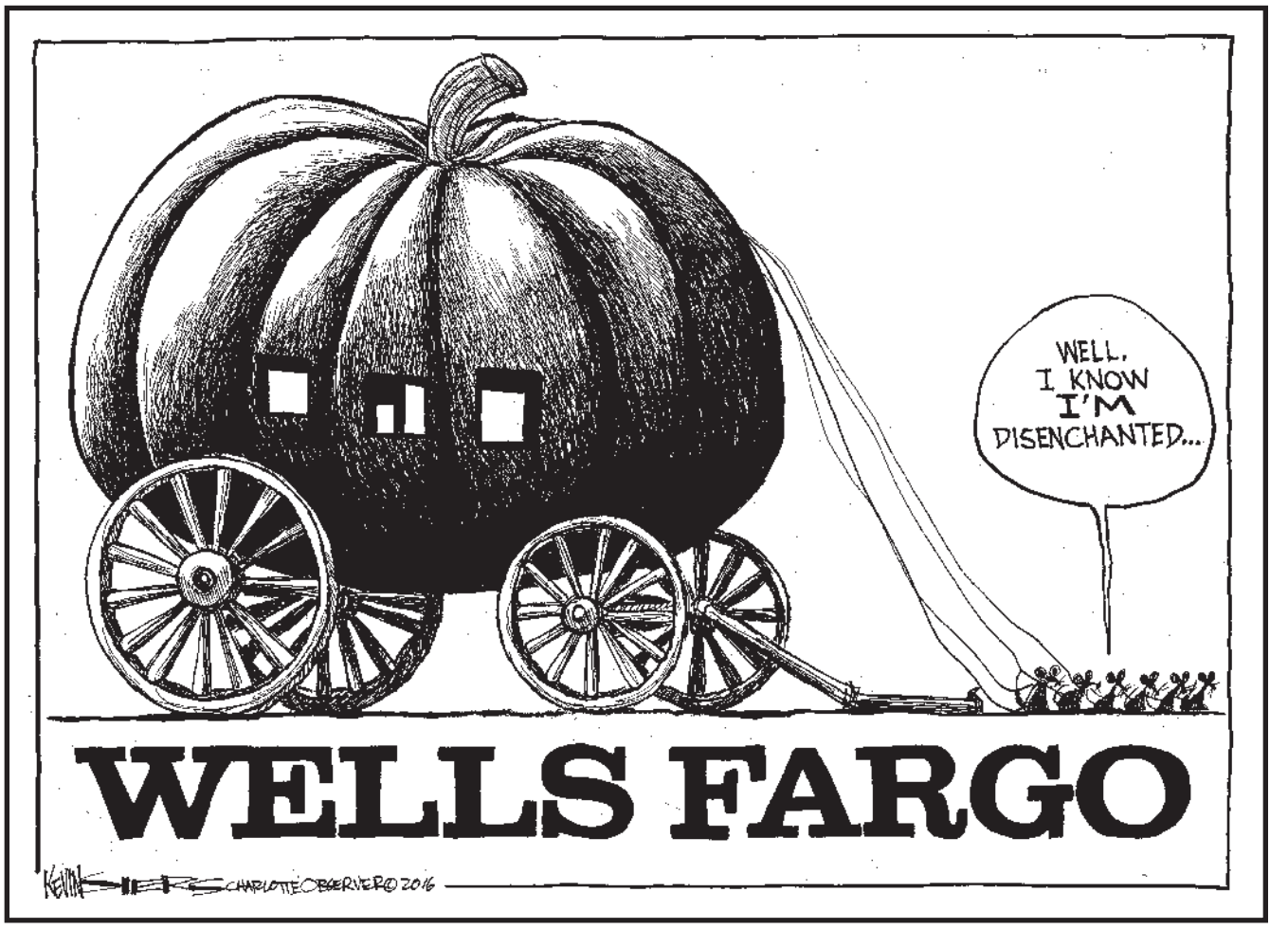
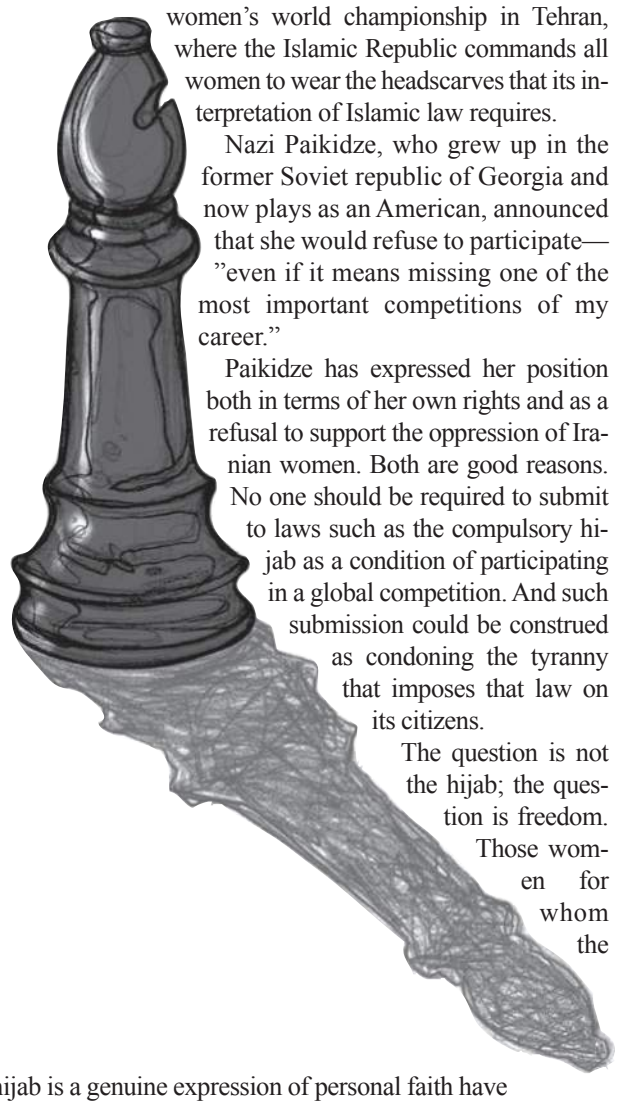


EDITORIAL

Your move, Iran: Hijab stakes at international women's chess match

"One town's very like another," says lyrics in the musical "Chess," "when your head's down over your pieces, brother." That is probably not the case when your head has an unfamiliar, unwanted piece of cloth draped over it because of the town—and the country—you are in and because you are a woman.

So you have to wonder what (and whether) world chess officials were thinking when they decided to hold next year's women's world championship in Tehran, where the Islamic Republic commands all women to wear the headscarves that its interpretation of Islamic law requires.



Nazi Paikidze, who grew up in the former Soviet republic of Georgia and now plays as an American, announced that she would refuse to participate—"even if it means missing one of the most important competitions of my career."

Paikidze has expressed her position both in terms of her own rights and as a refusal to support the oppression of Iranian women. Both are good reasons. No one should be required to submit to laws such as the compulsory hijab as a condition of participating in a global competition. And such submission could be construed as condoning the tyranny that imposes that law on its citizens.

The question is not the hijab; the question is freedom. Those women for whom the hijab is a genuine expression of personal faith have every right to wear it. But no one has the right to impose it on women who do not believe in it.

There may be only one thing that could redeem this. A spokesman for the World Chess Federation said it was "reviewing all possible solutions for the players' comfort and will discuss all the issues with the organizers in Iran during meetings in the next few weeks." If, somehow, the chess players can go to Iran without having to wear the hijab, that might be a crack in the Islamic Republic's oppressive regime.

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Don't typecast pit bulls

By BRONWEN DICKEY
Los Angeles Times

Bronwen Dickey is the author of Pit Bull: The Battle Over an American Icon. *She wrote this for the* Los Angeles Times.

In 1986, the first dog ever to be used by the Los Angeles Police Department for narcotics detection died of liver cancer at the age of 10. His name was Frog. During his eight years on the force he was credited with finding drug shipments worth more than $160 million.

I mention Frog's service because he was a pit bull—a dog that Montreal recently decided is such a threat to human safety that it doesn't belong within city limits. Under Montreal's new ban, no resident can acquire or adopt a "pit-bull-type" dog. Those who currently own pets bearing this vague label will be subject to a number of complex licensing protocols. New residents to the area risk having their companions seized and put down. Unclaimed pit bulls in the city's animal shelters will be slated for euthanasia.

The ban, in a word, is stupid: Far from protecting the public, breed-based laws actually imperil it. They divert resources away from the individual animals causing real problems, focusing attention instead on dogs who look a certain way yet haven't harmed anyone. The American Veterinary Medical Association, the National Animal Control Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Bar Association and even the White House have denounced this approach.

But Montreal is not alone in its folly. In the last three decades, several hundred U.S. cities and towns have passed breed-based laws like Montreal's

Laws of this type can be traced back to at least the late 19th century, when fluffy white "spitz" dogs were persecuted on the mistaken belief that they were uniquely susceptible to rabies. Soon after, Massachusetts banned bloodhounds and Great Danes on account of their supposed "viciousness." And in the 1920s, a New York magistrate urged that German shepherds be regulated because they were "bred from wolves." Each of these outcries reflected the media-driven hysterias of the age. Today's breed bans are no different; only the targeted dogs have changed.

Frenzied media coverage follows dog-bite fatalities—at least if a "pit bull" is to blame. (In Montreal's case, the dog that killed 55-year-old Christiane Vadnais in early June, triggering the latest panic, was registered as a boxer.) For whatever reason, incidents involving dogs from other breed groups don't inspire quite the same level of public outrage. Just a few days before Vadnais' attack, for example, a 4-year-old girl was killed by a "husky mix" in the rural Canadian territory of Nunavut. No one in Canada clamored for a ban.

In fact, of the roughly 60 dog-bite deaths reported in Canada since 1964, "pit bulls" have been involved in only two, while "sled dogs" and "huskies" have been responsible for more than 25.

The most obvious problem with breed-specific legislation is that it is in no way specific. Like "hound," the term "pit bull" denotes several breeds, not just one. Montreal's new bylaw prohibits ownership of pedigreed American pit bull terriers, American Staffordshire terriers and Staffordshire bull terriers. It also bans any mixed-breed dog thought to be related to one of those breeds and any dog that presents a physical "characteristic" of one of those breeds. It is unclear which canine "characteristics" will be most salient (having four legs and a tail happens to be a "pit bull characteristic") and who, if anyone, is qualified to make that call.

The second issue is that these laws are notoriously ineffective. Denver banned pit bulls in 1989, yet according to data collected by the Coalition for Living Safely With Dogs, the rate of dog-bite-injury hospitalizations in Denver is now significantly higher than that of the surrounding areas, where no bans are in place. The United Kingdom banned pit bulls in 1991, yet serious dog-bite injuries there have also risen. Ontario banned pit bulls in 2005, but in Toronto, dog bites are up, not down.

Cynical politicians tend to frame the need for breed bans in zero-sum terms: Either you care about public safety, or you care about animal welfare. What gets lost in the divisive rhetoric is that there's a superior alternative: Ordinances that hold every dog owner to the same high standards of civic responsibility serve both interests equally.

In 1991, Multnomah County, Oregon, established a community-based animal control program aimed at reducing dog bites without targeting specific breeds. By imposing strict regulations on nuisance dogs before serious injuries occurred, the county decreased recidivism by 60 percent. The Canadian province of Calgary has also enjoyed great success with a similar program geared toward responsible pet ownership. A 2013 survey of 36 Canadian municipalities found that increased enforcement of breed-neutral regulations (such as leash- and containment laws) led to the most noticeable drop in dog-bite injuries.

In recognition of such facts, a Quebec Superior Court judge has put Montreal's ban on hold—for now.

One can only hope that science, rather than fear, will determine what happens next. The lives of domestic dogs are shaped by the choices humans make for them. It's up to us to keep each other safe.

Why Hillary Clinton should speak out about her husband's infidelity

By VIRGINIA HEFFERNAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Of all the details in Hillary Clinton's biography that might resonate with the electorate—her modest upbringing, tenacious parents, struggle to integrate work and life—the most resonant might be the one she doesn't talk about: She is married to a serial adulterer.

This is not a secret or a scandal anymore. There's no need for Clinton to cover up her marital history as her rival does his tax records. Far from evidence of wrongdoing or venality, her experience is proof of extraordinary resilience. Gerald Ford faced his wife Betty's bruising alcoholism; Hillary Clinton faced Bill's bruising treachery.

The fact is Clinton has shown heroism in a cycle of infidelity and denial visited on her by a troubled, if brilliant, husband. This is a cycle from which recovery—by the adulterer's spouse—demands extreme resourcefulness, discipline, courage, humor and perhaps even hospitality to earnest apology by the cheater. (Angelic practices of "patience" and "forgiveness," often sexist conceits, are not necessary.)

Hillary and Chelsea Clinton have shown all these qualities, and more, as do millions upon millions of people deceived and gaslighted by unfaithful partners. The private pain of deception is exponentially compounded by the imperative, often issued by the adulterer himself, not to talk about it.

Seventeen years ago, Clinton said her husband's sexual compulsions stemmed from a childhood pressure to please both his grandmother and his mother. Maybe so. It's typical in the first blush of discovery for family members to seek to extenuate the psychic violence of betrayal by finding "reasons" that loved ones chronically humiliate themselves.

But too often explanations for sick behavior in any idiom (Freudian, behavioral, neurological) can slide into self-blame, as they did for Clinton, who, also in 1999, told a friend that she was (according to the friend's notes), "not smart enough, not sensitive enough, not free enough of her own concerns and struggles" to realize how hard Bill had it.

Fortunately, it seems Clinton has put aside this misguided self-savagery. It must have become undeniable to her that (as they say in Al Anon, the program for the loved ones of alcoholics) "I didn't cause it, can't cure it, can't control it." Whether she has also recovered from the pressure to keep silent is less clear.

The secrets and lies that are the stock in trade of adulterers—and that permanently impeach their moral authority—can be crazy-making, or even lethal, to his or her spouse and children. In 2012, Mary Richardson Kennedy, wife of the adulterer Robert F. Kennedy Jr., whose open-secret infidelities were never widely reported in deference to his famous family, hanged herself. Whatever else drove her to despair, she had also recently suffered a humiliating experience: Soon after Robert filed for divorce, he began to appear in public with his girlfriend.

Infidelity is not against the law in the United States, as it is in some places. Some studies show that 25 percent of American partnerships contend with it over the course of the relationship. (That, of course, means three-quarters of partnerships do not. Cheaters—like Anthony Wiener, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani and John Edwards—really are a disturbed minority.)

But the same social progress that has lifted taboos on everything from divorce to premarital sex to gay marriage can make principled objection to adultery seem prudish. The pain it inflicts on families seems like something that must be sucked up rather than firmly decried and healed where possible, contingent on the sincerity of a cheater's lifetime amends.

The next time Hillary Clinton is asked about her husband's infidelities, I hope she'll see it not as an attack to be tightly parried but as a lob to be smashed. I hope she'll see how breaking her silence can help the many women and men who may grieve yet steadfastly refuse to blame themselves, seek their own happiness, and flourish in spite of marital betrayal.

Trump: So Hillary, what do you have to say about your cheating husband?

Clinton: I'm glad you asked, Donald. My husband, like tens of millions of people—like you—has sometimes acted less than honorably in marriage. Partly this campaign is for all the men who want to be their best selves but who struggle with social conditioning or personal demons that make life harder for them, but who also deserve love and understanding.

It's also for the women and kids who have shown grit and self-reliance in spite of hard times at home. I regard these people with deep admiration. They have risen from setbacks—and sometimes deep shame, as I once felt—to accomplish great things, to persevere.

Women are not prey, not even for rich and famous

By SALLY FRIEDMAN
The Philadelphia Inquirer

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Ask any woman—your sister, daughter, wife—whether she's ever had "unwelcome attention" from a guy. Ask her whether she found it flattering.

Chances are you'll get an earful.

Women are pretty unanimous about those kinds of guys. We talked about them in ladies rooms when we were stuck on those social antiquities called "blind dates." Sometimes friends inadvertently fixed us up with a creep.

Our mothers had warned us about such men. We were taught to be direct, clear and firm. But our mothers didn't seem to realize that those signals often went unheeded by guys desperate to brag in their locker rooms.

I guess you know where this is going.

We are living through the most bizarre of presidential campaigns, but who knew that, for one very long weekend, we would be replaying that "boys will be boys" theme. Or more precisely, rich, powerful and famous men will be rich, powerful and famous men—with the accompanying sense of entitlement.

I write not knowing the ultimate fallout of Donald Trump's "tape-gate" recording, the one that had dignified commentators and journalists confronting anatomical slang we used to think was far too scandalous for dissemination, verbally or in print.

I'm talking about the words that make most women feel vulnerable and soiled and furious. Words that I'm uncomfortable having my preteen or teen granddaughters hear, even though we all know what they mean.

I am not by any stretch, a young innocent. Or a prude.

But I never thought I'd hear those slang words—and boasts—in the public arena of presidential politics.

Like so many of you, I'm sure, my husband and I almost ignored the early-warning system on Friday night when it sounded. We assumed this was just another instance of Trump testing our limits for tolerance and decency.

But this time, there was more intensity to the CNN commentators' tone. This time, we actually turned up the sound on the kitchen TV. Which meant we were in for the least tasteful viewing and eavesdropping in recent memory.

Man-talk for sure. Talk not meant to be heard by millions.

That night, I was reminded that almost every woman I know well has shared her own story about "unwelcome advances."

So many of us, with absolutely no encouragement on our part, have been targets.

I still relive my own tale, going back to a summer job after my sophomore year of college. My awful job was in a car agency answering phone calls from angry customers. In the next mid-20th-century version of a cubicle was my boss, an ill-tempered middle-aged man.

When he wasn't yelling at me, he was cooing and inviting me out to lunch. I never went. I had just turned 20 and was a total innocent, but knew that lunch was not a good idea.

Midway into that summer, the invitations began sounding more like a demands And his observations about my clothes were inappropriate.

I was scared. I was angry. I was helpless. And when it became clear that the lunch invitations were not innocent, I did what women of that era did.

I quit the job.

It left a gap in my tuition fund for the fall, but it was the prudent thing to do.

I've never forgotten that incident, or how it made me feel. I still cringe when I think of it.

I wish all the Trumps out there would understand—truly understand—that women are not prey. Not fair game. Not even for the rich and famous.

I have told my daughters, and now my granddaughters, what women have always told one another in our own most private and powerful moments.

Our bodies belong to us. Always. Actions have power—but so do words.

And so do votes.

Tear down this 'wall' between church and state

By PETER LILLBACK
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Peter Lillback is the author of Wall of Misconception *and president of Westminster Theological Seminary. He wrote this for The* Philadelphia Inquirer.

The term "public theology" sounds like an oxymoron to many people. Faith is a private thing, they say, not something to be shared in the public square. "After all," they add, "the Constitution provides for a separation of church and state."

But nothing could be further from the truth. It's a serious misreading of our history and the intents of the Founding Fathers.

"The 'wall of separation between church and state' is a metaphor based on bad history," Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote in a court opinion in 1985. " ... It should be frankly and explicitly abandoned."

The term never appears in the Constitution or Bill of Rights. The first sentence of the First Amendment simply says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, nor prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The phrase "wall of separation between Church & State" didn't appear until 1801—10 years after the states ratified the Bill of Rights—when President Thomas Jefferson used it in a letter to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut. Even then, he explained that its purpose was to preserve "rights of conscience," not to strip God from government.

The men who gave us the First Amendment intended to prevent the establishment of a national church, not impose a radical separation of church and state. In fact, the day after Congress adopted the First Amendment, it sent a message to President George Washington, asking him to declare a day of thanksgiving to show America's appreciation to God for the opportunity to create its new government in peace and tranquility. The nation observed the holiday on Nov. 26, 1789.

A careful reading of the First Amendment shows us that the concern that motivated our Founding Fathers was to protect the conscience from governmental encroachments. Twenty iterations of the language for the First Amendment ensued in the congressional debate before the final version was sent to the House on Sept. 24, 1789. Not once in any of those 20 attempts to write the First Amendment did the phrase "separation of church and state" appear. The word "conscience," although it does not appear in the final form, occurs in 12 of these iterations.

Clearly, the drafters of the First Amendment wanted to protect conscience from government, not protect government from religion. This is where public theology comes in, calling for the application of religious principles to every area of life, including politics.

Washington called religion and morality "indispensable pillars" of America's political happiness. In his farewell address, he noted, "experience has taught us that morality is impossible for a people unless it is brought to us through religious teaching."

John Adams, our second president, noted in 1798, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Many of the Founding Fathers saw our form of government as a fragile gift that could easily be lost. At the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, a woman asked Benjamin Franklin, "What kind of government have you given us?" He famously replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Far from wanting a separation of church and state if that meant the separation of God and government, Founding Fathers like Washington and Adams believed that Judeo-Christian principles provided an essential framework for preserving our liberties.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲87° ▼78°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼78°

SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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MONDAY
Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.
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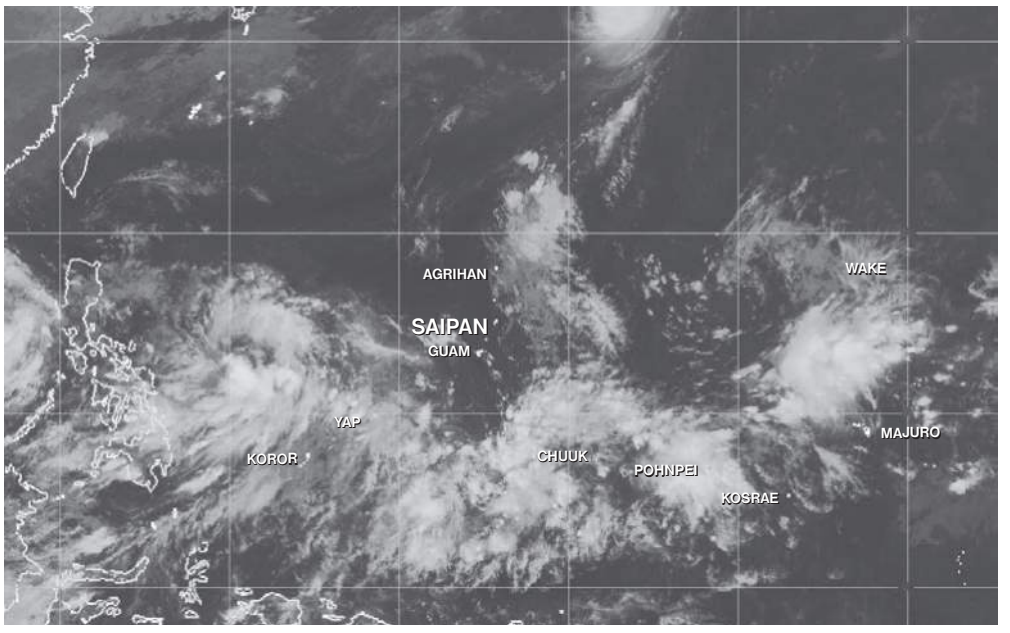
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak ridge of high pressure is located over the Marianas. A circulation is centered just west of Chuuk near 6N156E. A surface trough extends north of the circulation. This circulation will move west and pass south of Guam and 10N by Friday morning. Low-level convergence north of the circulation will bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the Marianas Thursday through Saturday night.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Afternoon clouds	82 / 89 °F
Palau	Mostly cloudy	82 / 87 °F
Yap	Heavy rain	81 / 87 °F
Chuuk	Strong thunderstorms	79 / 86 °F
Pohnpei	Mostly cloudy	76 / 85 °F
Kosrae	Mostly sunny	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	82 / 84 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Afternoon clouds	52 / 59 °F
Beijing	Partly cloudy	46 / 70 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	75 / 85 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	74 / 83 °F
London	Morning clouds	50 / 55 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	56 / 74 °F
Manila	Mostly cloudy	79 / 90 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	49 / 58 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	78 / 84 °F
New York	Partly sunny	54 / 67 °F
Osaka	Mostly sunny	54 / 69 °F
Paris	Afternoon clouds	41 / 52 °F
Pusan	Morning clouds	59 / 69 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	47 / 68 °F
Salem	Heavy rain	54 / 61 °F
San Francisco	High level clouds	57 / 67 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	45 / 69 °F
Tokyo	Partly cloudy	59 / 67 °F
Washington, DC	Partly sunny	52 / 72 °F

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
4:33 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.67 Feet
11:08 AM	LOW TIDE	0.17 Feet
5:41 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.95 Feet
11:55 PM	LOW TIDE	0.58 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Monday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	3:43 PM	2:55 AM
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Saturday	5:19 PM	4:52 AM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
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7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
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UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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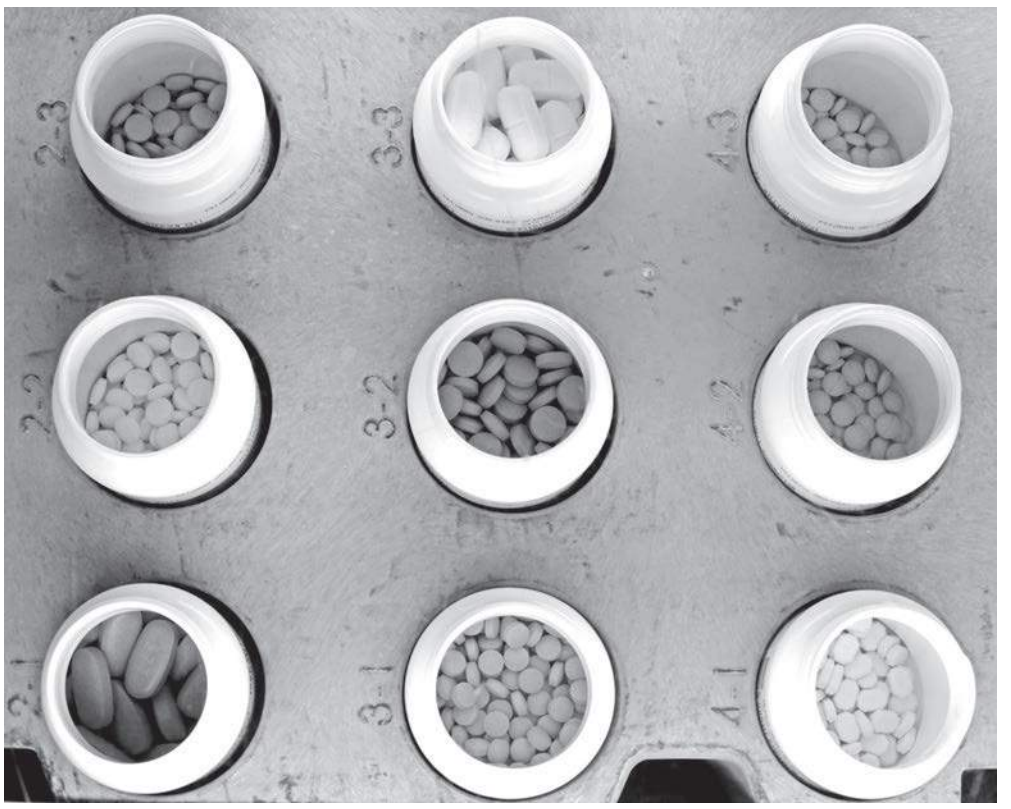
Business

Hospital industry says it, too, is slammed by drug costs



AP
In this June 14, 2011 file photo, various prescription drugs on the automated pharmacy assembly line at Medco Health Solutions in Willingboro, N.J.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hospitals, too, are getting slammed by sharp price increases in prescription drugs, and the industry is urging the next president and Congress to take up the issue.

Consumer groups and insurers were already complaining loudly about drug costs. Now hospitals are turning up the volume as well, leaving the pharmaceutical industry more politically isolated.

A study released Tuesday by the two biggest hospital lobbying groups found that overall, hospitals' average annual inpatient drug spending increased by more than 23 percent between 2013 and 2015.

The NORC study for the American Hospital Association and the Federation of American Hospitals found higher prices were primarily responsible for the spending increase, not the quantity of medications used.

Measured on a per-admission basis, the increase was even more striking, nearly 39 percent. Per-admission spending on medications increased from $714 in 2013 to $990 two years later. NORC at the University of Chicago, which conducted the study, is an independent research organization.

Hospitals say they can't easily pass on the cost of pricey drugs because private insurers and government programs like Medicare usually pay a predetermined amount per case.

"The system is clearly broken," Scott Knoer, chief pharmacy officer at the Cleveland Clinic, said in a teleconference sponsored by the two hospital lobbying groups. "The (pharmaceutical) industry has proven time and time again it can no longer regulate itself." Calling the recent spate of price increases "egregious," Knoer said there's no way hospitals can get on top of it. When the price of one drug stabilizes, another zooms up. "It's like playing whack-a-mole," he said.

The drug industry criticized the report, saying it focuses on "unrepresentative, older" medicines and gives a "distorted" picture of costs.

"Further, the report fails to acknowledge that hospitals often significantly mark up medicines charged to patients and payers," Holly Campbell of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America said in a statement.

In the study, one-third of hospitals said drug prices had a "severe" impact on their budgets.

Leaders of the two hospital groups said they want to avoid an outcome in which the government directly regulates drug prices, but they add that a debate is clearly needed.

"The concern about the rising cost and prices of prescription drugs has been a bipartisan issue," said Rick Pollack, president of the hospital association. "We are hoping this study will help inform policy makers as to the nature of the problem."

The NORC study was based on data from 712 of the nation's more than 4,300 community hospitals. It also analyzed drug purchase costs for 28 drugs from two major group purchasing organizations, which allow hospitals to maximize volume discounts for commonly used supplies.

With the fall of the pound, UK consumers are in for a shock

LONDON (AP)—Family business owners like Stephen Bowles say the timing of the pound's plunge couldn't be worse.

The freight hauler, whose family business operates at Heathrow, Europe's largest airport, says a resulting five-pence per liter increase in the price of fuel for his 40-truck fleet will add as much as 50,000 pounds ($62,000) a year to his costs. Plus it comes as his trucks start to import goods for the Christmas holidays.

"It's the busiest time of the year," he said, adding that the extra cost will ultimately be reflected in higher prices for the goods he transports. "These costs have got to be passed on. They have got to be passed on now."

The pound has dropped more than 5 percent against the dollar since Oct. 2, when Prime Minister Theresa May announced plans to start formal talks on exiting the European Union by the end of March. Her rhetoric so far suggests the government will try to restrict the flow of EU immigrants, which may mean losing tariff-free access to the single market—a big blow to many British companies.

The currency market didn't like that at all. And things got worse a few days later when French President Francois Hollande promised the EU wouldn't make it easy on the U.K.

The British currency is now down more than 18 percent against the dollar since June 23, when voters backed leaving the EU. The pound traded as low as $1.2130 on Tuesday, down from $1.4879 on the day of the referendum.

All of this matters to British consumers because a weaker pound means importers will have to pay more for goods purchased abroad, and they are expected to pass those costs onto customers.

"We will see that first with goods like perishable foods, items such as bread, eggs, and milk," said Daniel Vernazza, the lead U.K. economist at UniCredit, "The weekly shop will increase. The cost of filling up your car will increase, and the like, and the costs of holidays, a whole range of goods and services."

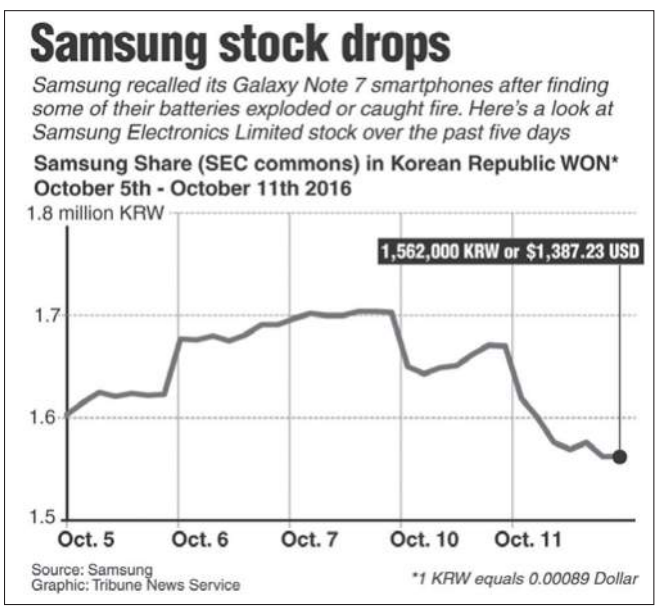
Those costs are likely to start edging up on perishable goods and fuel either right away or in the coming days. Holidays abroad are automatically more expensive as the pound has dropped against the destination country's cur-

Samsung woes show how dependent we've become on smartphones

NEW YORK (AP)—Tethered as we are to our smartphones, Samsung asking users of its fire-prone Galaxy Note 7 to "power down and stop using the device" is not just an inconvenience. It's crazy.

Smartphones have become extensions of ourselves, the last thing we look at before falling asleep and the first thing we grab in the morning. Abandoning them is all but unthinkable, even at the dinner table, even on the toilet.

Risking a battery fire might seem like a small price to pay for obsessively checking your latest Instagram "likes," catching up on email, Skyping your grandkids across the country, getting directions, confirming your travel itinerary, reading the news, searching for a dinner recipe, hailing a ride and so on.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For those traveling with children, a long flight without a smartphone to serve as distraction is akin to torture.

Power down and stop using the device? You might as well go live in a cave in a distant mountain (if you can get there, since you no longer have GPS). According to the Pew Research Center, 43 percent of the world's population uses a smartphone. Rates are highest in places such as South Korea (88 percent), Australia (77 percent) and Israel (74 percent).

And use it they do. We check Facebook so often that the company no longer just measures its users on a monthly basis. A more important number is how many people check in on a daily basis. In June, more than 1 billion people checked Facebook on a mobile device at least once a day.

In a report on global mobile device usage, the consulting firm Deloitte found the obvious, namely that "device obsession is deepening" and that people are using their phones for "everything from watching TV to simply crossing the road." Some of us even use the phones while crossing the road, which is not the safest thing in the world.

OPEC output rises, complicating cartel's price-boosting plan

PARIS (AP)—Oil production from OPEC nations hit a record last month, according to an international energy group, highlighting the cartel's challenge in trimming output to drive up prices.

The International Energy Agency said Tuesday that production from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries hit a record high in September of 33.64 million barrels a day.

Last month, OPEC agreed to reduce daily output to between 32.5 million and 33 million barrels. The price of crude has gained about 15 percent since that proclamation.

"Now the real work starts," IEA said in its monthly report. OPEC has not decided how it will achieve production cuts—including which countries will agree to sacrifice output. They aim to draw up a plan before a meeting Nov. 30 in Vienna.

IEA said OPEC output increased as production from Iraq hit an all-time high and Libya reopened ports to export more crude. Production in non-OPEC member Russia hit a post-Soviet record.

As a result, the global supply of oil grew by 600,000 barrels a day in September, according to IEA.

While supply is running high, the IEA said demand is slowing along with the global economy—a combination that could pressure oil prices. The IEA forecast that the market will remain oversupplied through mid-2017 if OPEC doesn't enact the cuts it pledged last month in Algeria.

"OPEC has abandoned its free-market policy set in train nearly two years ago. Global oil inventories are far too high—in the view of some producers—and they aren't being worked off nearly fast enough," the IEA said. "The current price of oil has caused discomfort for all producers."

The task of carrying out the production-cut pledge will be complicated if, as reported, Iran, Libya and Nigeria are exempted from the cuts for various reasons. The IEA said further increases from those three nations means bigger cuts would have to be made by others, such as Saudi Arabia, to hit the reduction target.

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Nation

N. Carolina braces for more flooding in downstream towns

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP)—A state trooper shot and killed an armed man during a search for flood victims in a tense and dispirited North Carolina, and thousands more people were ordered to evacuate as high water from Hurricane Matthew pushed downstream Tuesday, two days after the storm blew out to sea.

Matthew's death toll in the U.S. climbed to 34, more than half of them in North Carolina, in addition to the more than 500 feared dead in Haiti.

In Greenville, a city of 90,000, officials warned that the Tar River would overwhelm every bridge in the county by sundown, splitting it in half before the river crests late Wednesday. Evacuations were ordered there and in such communities as Goldsboro and Kinston, as rivers swelled to some of the highest levels ever recorded.

Tens of thousands of people, some of them as much as 125 miles inland, have been warned to move to higher ground since the hurricane drenched the state with more than a foot of rain over the weekend during a run up the East Coast from Florida.

An angry Gov. Pat McCrory asked people to stop ignoring evacuation orders and driving around barricades on flooded roads: "That is unacceptable. You are not only putting your life danger, you are putting emergency responders' lives in jeopardy."

Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

In the hard-hit town of Lumberton, along the bloated Lumber River, sporadic looting was reported, and a North Carolina trooper searching for people trapped by the floodwaters killed a man who confronted officers with a gun Monday night, police said.

AP

Delores Miller checks on her elderly mother's home in downtown Lumberton, N.C. after Hurricane Matthew caused downed trees, power outages and massive flooding along the Lumber River Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

Authorities gave few details, but McCrory said the shooting happened in "very difficult circumstances," adding: "Tension can be high when people are going through very, very emotional circumstances."

In Lumberton, patience was wearing thin.

Ada Page, 74, spent two nights sleeping in a hard plastic folding chair at a shelter put together so hastily there were no cots and people had to walk outside in the back to use portable toilets. She complained she didn't even have her children's telephone numbers with her.

"I left at home all my clothes, everything. The only thing I have is this child and what I was driving," said Page, who was with the 8-year-old granddaughter she takes care of.

The full extent of the disaster in North Carolina was still unclear, but it appeared that thousands of homes were damaged. Many likened Matthew to Hurricane Floyd, which did $3 billion in damage and destroyed 7,000 homes in North Carolina as it skirted the state's coast in 1999.

McCrory said thousands of animals drowned, mostly chickens on poultry farms, and he was deciding how to dispose of the carcasses safely.

The flooding extended to South Carolina, where 150 people had to be rescued Monday from the tiny town of Nichols, downstream from Lumberton. On Tuesday, some residents returned in boats to survey the damage.

Also flooding were the Neuse River, which reached a record crest in Goldsboro on Tuesday, and the Tar River, which threatened Princeville, a town founded in 1865 by freed slaves and destroyed by Floyd's flooding 17 years ago.

After that, the river flows into Greenville, where Danita Lynch wasn't taking any chances. She helped her 59-year-old mother load nearly all her belongings into a box truck and get to higher ground.

Unshackled, Trump unleashes aggressive attacks on own party

WASHINGTON (AP)—The "shackles" gone, Donald Trump stepped up his fierce attacks on his own party leaders Tuesday, promising to teach Republicans who oppose him a lesson and fight for the presidency "the way I want to."

"I'm just tired of non-support" from leaders of the party he represents on the presidential ticket, Trump said Tuesday evening on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor." He saved special ire for House Speaker Paul Ryan, who told Republicans Monday he'll no longer campaign for Trump with four weeks to go before Election Day.

"I don't want his support, I don't care about his support," Trump said. "I wouldn't want to be in a foxhole with a lot of these people that I can tell you, including Ryan. By the way, including Ryan, especially Ryan."

With his campaign floundering and little time to steady it, the businessman reverted to the combative, divisive strategy that propelled him to victory in the GOP primary: Attack every critic—including fellow Republicans. Those close to Trump suggested it was "open season" on every detractor, regardless of party.

"It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me and I can now fight for America the way I want to," Trump said in a tweet that brought new concern—near panic in some cases—to a party trying to stave off an all-out civil war before Nov. 8.

In another series of tweets, the Republican nominee called Ryan "weak and ineffective," Sen. John McCain "very foul-mouthed" and "disloyal" Republicans "far more difficult than Crooked Hillary."

"They come at you from all sides," Trump declared. "They don't know how to win—I will teach them!"

At a night rally in Florida hours later, Trump made no mention of the apparent Republican civil war, instead training his fire on his Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton.

Rage against fellow Republicans from the face of the 2016 GOP exposed a party slipping from mere feuding into verbal warfare with advance voting already underway in roughly half the states. Polls suggest Trump is headed toward a loss of historic proportions if he doesn't turn things around.

His scorched-earth approach, days after his sexually predatory language caught on tape triggered a mass Republican defection, threatened to alienate even more supporters.

"Fighting for the sake of fighting is not really very helpful," said former Trump adviser Barry Bennett.

Visa overstays get short shrift in border security debate

SAN DIEGO (AP)—More than 20 years had elapsed since the U.S. government estimated how many people entered the country legally and overstayed their visas. The updated numbers, finally published in January, were sobering.

The Homeland Security Department said 527,127 people who were supposed to leave the country in the 2015 fiscal year overstayed, more than the population of Atlanta. And that was only those who entered by plane or ship, not on land.

To put that in perspective, the Border Patrol made 337,117 arrests of people entering the country illegally during the same period, nearly all on the border with Mexico. More people overstayed visas than were caught crossing the border illegally.

An estimated 40 percent of the 11.4 million people in the U.S. illegally overstayed visas, a crucial but often overlooked fact in the immigration debate. That percentage may grow as India and China replace Mexico as the largest senders of immigrants to the United States. Mexicans have long entered illegally through deserts of California, Arizona and Texas but the absence of a shared border makes that route unlikely for Asians.

Overstays accounted for about 1 percent of 45 million visitors on business and tourist visas from October 2014 to September 2015, according to the long-awaited Homeland Security report. Canada occupied the top slot for overstays, followed by Mexico, Brazil, Germany and Italy. The United Kingdom, Colombia, China, India and Venezuela rounded out the top 10.

The Pew Research Center said last year that more Mexicans were leaving the United States than coming, ending one of biggest immigration waves in U.S. history. Lack of jobs for unskilled labor after the Great Recession is widely cited as a reason but border enforcement played a part.

The Border Patrol more than quintupled to 21,444 agents in 2011 from 4,028 in 1993. The U.S. erected fences along about 650 miles of border with Mexico, nearly all of it in the final years of George W. Bush's administration. Last year, Border Patrol arrests—one gauge of illegal crossings—fell to the lowest level since 1971.

ACROSS THE NATION

Study: Human-caused warming burns more Western forests

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—A new study of Western forest fires confirms what is already apparent—wildfire seasons are getting longer and more destructive. But researchers with the University of Idaho and Columbia University also say humans are to blame. The study made public Monday says human-caused global warming contributed an additional 16,000 square miles of burned forests from 1984 to 2015. Researchers say the 16,000 square miles represent half of the forest areas that burned over the last three decades. "We're no longer waiting for human-caused climate change to leave its fingerprint on wildfire across the western U.S.," John Abatzoglou, the study's lead author and an associate professor of geography at the University of Idaho, said in a statement. "It's already here."

Mistrial declared in New Mexico police shooting case

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—The case against two former New Mexico police officers charged in the death of a homeless man ended in a mistrial Tuesday when jurors told the judge they were hopelessly deadlocked on the counts of second-degree murder. Judge Alisa Hadfield declared the mistrial after more than two days of deliberations in the case against Keith Sandy and Dominique Perez. Nine jurors wanted to acquit the men, and three were holding out for a guilty verdict. Hadfield asked the jurors one by one if further deliberations would be fruitful, and they responded: "No, your honor." Special Prosecutor Randi McGinn said it would be up to the district attorney in Albuquerque to decide whether to retry the case. Defense lawyer Sam Bregman said he hopes prosecutors consider the 9-3 split in favor of acquittal and decide to not pursue another trial.

Asia

Duterte on US alliance: 'Do you really think we need it?'

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Tuesday he will not abrogate a defense treaty with the United States but questioned its importance and that of joint combat exercises, which he says only benefit America.

Duterte pressed his criticism of the United States and his country's engagement with the American military in a speech as U.S. Marines and their Philippine counterparts ended combat drills a day early in a separate ceremony. A U.S. general, in contrast, underscored the need for the joint drills to brace for potential crises.

Duterte, who labels himself a socialist, has had an uneasy relationship with the U.S. and a falling out with President Barack Obama, whom he has lambasted for criticizing his deadly anti-drug fight. Despite his constant anti-U.S. pronouncements, Duterte said he would not abrogate the mutual defense treaty with the U.S. but questioned the need for it.

"I do not mean to cancel or abrogate the military alliances," Duterte said in a speech before new government officials at the presidential palace. "But let me ask you ... do you really think we need it?"

He did not clearly specify his reason for questioning the treaty alliance but said if a conflict pitting the world's most powerful nations breaks out, "there will be no more American aid to talk of." He added that when Russia annexed Crimea, "America wasn't able to do anything."

Duterte has announced he will end the joint combat exercises, which China has opposed. His defense secretary, Delfin Lorenzana, said he has asked Duterte for a reconsideration, and has explained to the president the importance of the approximately 28 annual joint military exercises, including three major ones that involve thousands of troops, in preparing for natural disasters and other contingencies. U.S. military officials want to continue the joint maneuvers, Lorenzana said Friday.

AP

A military truck, foreground, carrying U.S. Marines from the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade forces drives past a Philippine Marine APC (Armored Personnel Carrier) which got stuck in the sandy portion of a riverbed as they take part in a live-fire amphibious landing exercise dubbed PHIBLEX Monday, Oct. 10, 2016 in Crow Valley in Capas township, Tarlac province, north of Manila, Philippines.

Duterte, however, has remained criticial, saying Tuesday that U.S. troops take back with them the high-tech and powerful weapons after each drill. "So what's the point?" he asked. "They're the ones who benefited, they're the ones who learned but we got nothing."

In Washington, the top U.S. diplomat for East Asia said Tuesday the U.S. will honor its commitments to the Philippines and expects its Southeast Asian ally to do the same.

Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel said the U.S. values the relationship and wants to keep it on an "even keel."

"We're prepared, as we always have been, to honor our commitments and the obligations that we have to the Philippines and we expect the same in return," Russel said at an event held by the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank.

Russel said the U.S. has no problem with the Philippines discussing its territorial and maritime disputes with China if it is done on terms acceptable to the Philippines and consistent with international law.

That was an apparent reference to a July ruling by an international tribunal in a case brought by the previous Philippine government that found that China's sweeping claims to most the South China Sea on historical grounds were invalid under a U.N. treaty.

The joint drills that ended Tuesday in an austere ceremony were held in an air of uncertainty because of Duterte's warning that they would be the last under his rule.

U.S. Marine Brig. Gen. John Jansen said the drills underscored the depth of the U.S.-Philippine alliance "and the commitment to be there when it counts," adding both countries benefited from the exercises.

Afghanistan's Shiites mark Ashura amid threats and violence

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Militants attacked a Shiite shrine in Kabul on Tuesday, killing at least 14 people and deepening fears of a spasm of violence against Afghanistan's Shiites as they mark one of their most important religious days later this week.

A gunman stormed Sakhi Shrine, the largest Shiite shrine in the capital, killing 13 civilians and one policeman and wounding 26 people, according to Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi. He said the attacker was shot dead by police.

The Shiites were gathering on the eve of Ashoura, when the followers mark the martyrdom of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson with candlelight vigils and mass public flagellations. Earlier in the week, authorities had warned of the potential for attacks against Shiites, asking them to stay close to home and avoid large gatherings.

The country's religious authorities have declared Oct. 12 Ashoura Day, the 10th day of the month of Muharam on the Islamic calendar, to commemorate the death of Imam Hussein in Karbala, Iraq in 680 AD.

The date, a national public holiday, is decided according to the new moon and is the climax of a month of mourning by devout Shiite Muslims.

In Afghanistan, Shiites make up an estimated 15 percent of the population of around 30 million and most of them are ethnic Hazaras. Militant Sunni fundamentalists like the Taliban and the Islamic State group view Shiites as apostates and frequently attack Shiite mosques and public gatherings.

In Kabul, the Afghan capital, Shiite neighborhoods have been decorated with banners and tents. Commemorations will conclude with mourning marches and often-bloody self-flagellations by men using chains and knives to empathize with Hussein's suffering.

Black tents erected by roadsides dispense free food and tea to pilgrims on foot. Homes and shops are decorated with black and green banners, and many Shiites fix black flags to their cars.

Commemorations were largely banned during the five years when the Taliban controlled the country. But Afghanistan's Shiites have taken their commemorations more public since the extremists were overthrown in the U.S. invasion of 2001.

In 2011, at least 54 people were killed when a suicide bomber detonated his device at a Kabul shrine where hundreds of people had gathered. A Shiite mosque in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif was hit at the same time, leaving four dead.

Imprisoned Chinese minority scholar given human rights award

GENEVA (AP)—A group of advocacy organizations has awarded its annual prize for human rights defenders to imprisoned Chinese Muslim minority economics professor Ilham Tohti, shining new attention on a case that has brought strong international condemnation.

The Martin Ennals Award is bestowed by 10 rights groups including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. A ceremony honoring the award, which was founded in 1994, was taking place in Geneva on Tuesday with his daughter in attendance.

Tohti, 46, was given a life sentence on charges of separatism in September 2014 after a two-day trial. A member of the Turkic Muslim Uighur ethnic group, he taught at Beijing's Minzu University and was an outspoken critic of Beijing's ethnic policies in the far western region of Xinjiang.

Tohti denied Beijing's relentless accusations of advocating separatism and violence.

His daughter Jewher Ilham said she hadn't seen her father since they parted at the Beijing airport in February 2013, but her relatives had visited him in prison over the summer. While he and the visiting relatives were barred by Chinese officials from discussing his treatment behind bars, Tohti had clearly lost weight, she said.

"My family visited on July 7: They told me that he's gotten skinnier—he lost 40 pounds—and all his hair turned gray," she told reporters ahead of the awards ceremony. "He wasn't allowed to say anything," other than to discuss general topics like "children, studies, and life," she said.

She said she didn't expect the award would worsen an already bad situation because of the life sentence, or anticipate that the government would retaliate against the family. But she said she hoped the award would increase awareness about her father.

Chinese authorities could realize the international attention to Tohti's situation, and "they are scared that their reputation will get ruined," said Ilham, who is a student at Indiana University in the United States. "Either it will have better effects or maybe no change—they just ignore it—but I don't think things can get worse."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Australian report warns of possible damaging cyberattacks

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Extremist groups could have the capabilities to launch damaging cyberattacks on Australia within three years, a government report on the nation's cybersecurity said on Wednesday. Such groups seeking to harm Western interests currently pose "a low cyberthreat," despite demonstrating a savvy understanding of social media and exploiting the Internet for propaganda purposes, the Australian Cybersecurity Center report on current threats said. While their cybercapabilities were "rudimentary" and capable of compromising only poorly secured, internet-connected services, they showed signs of improving significantly in the near future, the report said. "It is unlikely terrorists will be able to compromise a secure network and generate a significant disruptive or destructive effect for at least two or three years," the report said. Minister assisting the prime minister for cybersecurity, Dan Tehan, described the threat of extremist cyberattack as "real."

PH president's next campaign: public smoking ban

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is turning to another battle aside from illegal drugs: smoking. Health Secretary Paulyn Ubial said Tuesday she hopes the president can sign the draft executive order banning smoking in public nationwide before the end of the month. The department is pushing for the ban to start before the law providing for graphic health warnings on tobacco products is fully implemented on Nov. 4, Ubial told a Senate budget hearing. Duterte ordered a 100 percent smoke-free environment in public places similar to Davao, the southern city where he was formerly mayor, she added. Designated smoking areas are to be outdoors and away from the public, and provinces and towns will be asked to issue ordinances to enforce the smoking ban and set penalties. She also said e-cigarettes will be included in the ban.

World

Haitians await aid, help each other regain some normalcy

LES CAYES, Haiti (AP)—People throughout Haiti's devastated southwest peninsula formed makeshift brigades Tuesday to clear debris and try to regain some semblance of their pre-hurricane lives as anger grew over the delay in aid for remote communities more than a week after the Category 4 storm hit.

A community group that formed in the southern seaside community of Les Anglais began clearing tree limbs from streets and placing them into piles while others gathered scraps of wood to start rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Matthew.

Carpenter James Nassau donned a white construction helmet as he rebuilt a neighbor's wall with recycled wood, hoping to earn a little money to take care of 10 children, including those left behind by his brother, who died in the storm.

AP

United Nations police from Bangladesh deliver drinking water to residents of Sous-Roche village, outside Les Cayes, Haiti, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

"My brother left five kids, and now I've got to take care of them," he said. "Nobody has come to help."

The scene repeated itself across small seaside and mountain villages dotting the peninsula, where people pointed out helicopters buzzing overhead and questioned why they haven't received any help.

Israel Banissa, a carpenter who lives near the small mountain town of Moron, said a Red Cross assessment team stopped outside his village to ask people questions but didn't leave any supplies.

"There's no aid that's come here," he said as he sawed wood to help rebuild his home and dozens of others. "I don't think they care about the people up here."

The U.N. humanitarian agency in Geneva has made an emergency appeal for nearly $120 million in aid, saying about 750,000 people in southwest Haiti alone will need "life-saving assistance and protection" in the next three months. U.N. officials said earlier that at least 1.4 million people across the region need assistance and that 2.1 million overall have been affected by the hurricane. Some 175,500 people remain in shelters.

The National Civil Protection headquarters in Port-au-Prince raised the official nationwide death toll to 473, which included at least 244 deaths in Grand-Anse. But local officials have said the toll in Grand-Anse alone tops 500.

Those who survived the storm still faced great challenges, including going days without food.

Elancie Moise, an agronomist and director for the Department of Agriculture in southern Haiti, said between 80 to 100 percent of crops have been lost across the southern peninsula.

"Crisis is not the word to describe it," he said. "You need a stronger word. It is much worse. There is no food for people to eat."

Food was slowly reaching remote communities, but there was also a growing need for medical supplies.

Airstrike in Yemen deepens war, puts pressure on US

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—More than 1,000 mourners were packed into the funeral hall, including some of the most powerful figures in Yemen's rebel movement. Ali al-Akwa, who was just about to start reciting the Quran, heard warplanes overhead—but that wasn't strange for wartime Sanaa. Surely a funeral would be safe, he thought.

Moments later, a huge explosion struck, tearing bodies apart. The ceiling collapsed, walls fell in and a fire erupted. As people scrambled frantically to get out, a second missile struck, killing more of them.

Nearly 140 people were killed and more than 600 wounded in Saturday's airstrike—one of the deadliest since Saudi Arabia and its allies began an air campaign in Yemen in March 2015. The coalition is trying to uproot the Shiite Houthi rebels who took over the capital and much of northern Yemen from the internationally recognized government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

The coalition seems to have been hoping to take out a significant part of the Houthis' military leadership and its allies, who were expected at the funeral. Instead, the attack is likely to deepen the stalemate in a war that has already pushed the impoverished country into collapse.

The bloodshed has eclipsed new U.N. efforts to secure even a brief cease-fire. Amid popular anger, the coalition has lost potential tribal allies. In an attempt to expand the war, the Houthis have retaliated by firing rockets into neighboring Saudi Arabia and at U.S. warships.

The only hope for progress toward a resolution, many Yemenis say, is if the strike prompts Saudi Arabia's top ally, the United States, and other Western nations to halt arms sales, pressure Riyadh to ease the war and move toward negotiations.

After the strike, the White House said it will immediately review its assistance to the coalition and stressed that the support is not a "blank check." The Obama administration is sensitive to criticism from human rights groups and some in Congress but has limited leverage with the Saudis, especially as Riyadh's assistance is also needed in the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. The U.S. has warned the Saudi coalition about strikes on civilians in Yemen, but the weekend attack on the funeral appeared to have touched a nerve.

"In light of the attack over the weekend, with the scrutiny that that attack legitimately calls for, we are going to undertake additional reviews of aid and assistance that goes to Saudi Arabia," State Department spokesman John Kirby said Tuesday. "We take this very seriously, and we have been nothing but candid and forthright with the Saudis about our concerns over civilian casualties and collateral damage and our concerns about lack of precision in the conduct of some of these strikes."

Zika 'syndrome': Health problems mount as babies turn 1

RECIFE, Brazil (AP)—Two weeks shy of his first birthday, doctors began feeding Jose Wesley Campos through a nose tube because swallowing problems had left him dangerously underweight.

Learning how to feed is the baby's latest struggle as medical problems mount for him and many other infants born with small heads to mothers infected with the Zika virus in Brazil.

"It hurts me to see him like this. I didn't want this for him," said Jose's mother, Solange Ferreira, breaking into tears as she cradled her son. A year after a spike in the number of newborns with the defect known as microcephaly, doctors and researchers have seen many of the babies develop swallowing difficulties, epileptic seizures and vision and hearing problems.

While more study is needed, Zika-caused microcephaly appears to be causing more severe problems in these infants than in patients born with small heads because of the other infections known to cause microcephaly, such as German measles and herpes. The problems are so particular that doctors are now calling the condition congenital Zika syndrome.

"We are seeing a lot of seizures. And now they are having many problems eating, so a lot of these children start using feeding tubes," said Dr. Vanessa Van der Linden, a pediatric neurologist in Recife who was one of the first doctors to suspect that Zika caused microcephaly.

Zika, mainly transmitted by mosquito, was not known to cause birth defects until a large outbreak swept through northeastern states in Latin America's largest nation, setting off alarm worldwide. Numerous studies confirmed the link.

Seven percent of the babies with microcephaly that Van der Linden and her team have treated were also born with arm and leg deformities that had not previously been linked to other causes of microcephaly, she said.

To complicate matters, there are babies whose heads were normal at birth but stopped growing proportionally months later. Other infants infected with the virus in the womb did not have microcephaly but developed different problems, such as a patient of Van der Linden's who started having difficulties moving his left hand.

"We may not even know about the ones with slight problems out there," Van der Linden said. "We are writing the history of this disease."

Russia, China to mull joint response to US missile shield

MOSCOW (AP)—Amid escalating U.S.-Russia tensions, the Russian military said Tuesday it will cooperate with China on efforts to fend off a threat posed by the U.S. missile defense program.

Lt. Gen. Viktor Poznikhir of the Russian military's General Staff accused the Pentagon of developing the shield as part of planning for a possible first nuclear strike. "The missile defense system considerably shifts the balance of offensive weapons, allowing the planning of a more efficient pre-emptive strike," he said at a security conference in China.

Russia and China have frequently expressed concerns about the U.S. missile shield, but Poznikhir dropped any diplomatic reticence in his blunt speech that reflected a widening rift between Moscow and Washington.

"Russian military experts believe that the U.S. hopes to gain the capability to strike any region of the world, including Russia and China, with nuclear-tipped missiles with impunity," he said. Poznikhir argued that Washington's calculus would be to launch a first disarming strike and then rely on the missile shield to shoot down the remaining enemy missiles launched at the U.S. in a retaliatory strike.

He used an analogy of two gladiators armed with swords facing each other.

"If one of the gladiators takes up a shield, it will give him a marked advantage and make him think that he would be able to win, particularly if he strikes first," he said. "What would another gladiator do? Naturally, he also would pick up a shield and also a longer and stronger sword. This is what happening now as a result of the U.S. missile deployment." Poznikhir said that both Russia and China have taken countermeasures in response to the U.S. missile defense program, but he didn't elaborate.

He noted that Russia and China held drills earlier this year to simulate a joint action to fend off missile strikes under the protection of a missile defense system near their borders. Poznikhir added that Moscow and Beijing will conduct a similar exercise next year.

Environment

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A monarch butterfly rests on a Mexican sunflower in the backyard of Pam Spencer, a nurse and a self-taught expert on monarch butterflies who raises them at her home.

Lifting the fading monarch

By JONATHAN PITTS
THE BALTIMORE SUN

COCKEYSVILLE, Md.—Pam Spencer was about to dig up a fading milkweed plant in her garden when her husband, Steve, showed her a black-and-yellow larva he'd found on one of its leaves.

It was a monarch butterfly in its earliest stages of life.

At her computer, she learned it had less than a 3 percent chance of surviving in the wild. She fostered it, released it and did the same with 24 others. A new passion took flight.

Spencer, a pediatric nurse who lives in Cockeysville, has reared, tagged and released nearly 2,000 monarch butterflies in the three years since—work that has made her one of the more prolific of the growing numbers of people in Maryland joining the international effort to safeguard the imperiled species.

Like the black-and-orange insects as she lets them go, she has found it an exhilarating journey.

"It's crazy," she says. "It has turned into this big, beautiful thing. It has taken me to wonderful, wonderful places I'd never have been."

The monarch butterfly is known for its bold colors and its extraordinary practice of migrating from Canada and the northern United States to Mexico and back every year.

It's the longest round-trip journey made by any butterfly — 2,000 miles each way for most.

But the population is in trouble. A variety of destructive factors along its migration path, mostly man-made, have combined to shrink its numbers by a staggering 80 percent to 90 percent over the past two decades.

In the United States, overdevelopment of land and widespread use of agricultural herbicides have helped decimate milkweed and nectar-rich flowers. Milkweed is the only plant on which monarch larvae will feed, and the flowers serve as fuel for the fliers as they travel south.

In Mexico, meanwhile, illegal logging has shrunk the butterflies' habitat.

The monarch butterfly is on the World Wildlife Federation's near-threatened list, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reportedly weighed classifying it as endangered.

The trends have inspired action.

Orley "Chip" Taylor, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Kansas, leads Monarch Watch, a nonprofit conservation group that coordinates nearly 15,000 registered way stations for the butterfly across the United States.

Monarch lovers at these sites, many of them volunteers, track the butterflies during migration, tag them for monitoring and keep monarch-friendly plants growing in abundance.

In the past half-decade, conservation groups such as the National Wildlife Federation and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation have stepped up their work with federal, state and local governments on the monarch's behalf.

In 2015, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, an organization with member groups in Canada, the United States and Mexico, released a long-term monarch conservation plan. President Barack Obama later created a task force on pollinators, asking participating agencies to help establish a 100-mile-wide "butterfly highway" between Minnesota and Texas.

And the U.S. Department of Agriculture is spending $4 million this year to help monarch lovers in 10 heartland states plant milkweed and nectar-rich plants.

Maryland isn't one of those states, but residents are growing ever more aware of the problem and acting on it, says Jessica Jeannetta, a naturalist at Oregon Ridge Nature Center in Cockeysville.

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Pam Spencer, a nurse and a self-taught expert on monarch butterflies, in her back yard with a butterfly on a Mexican sunflower.

Staff at the center collect monarch eggs and caterpillars from farms and other sites nearby — focusing particularly on places about to be mowed — take them back and raise them for release.

"We have them in the nature center on displays. We'll hatch eggs here, and people can see them as caterpillars and throughout the life cycle before we release them," Jeannetta says.

Each fall, monarchs that live east of the Rocky Mountains journey to a region of the Transvolcanic Mountain Range in central Mexico, where they spend the winter hanging in clusters from the branches of oyamel fir trees.

Those that live west of the Rockies make a similar migration to a few sites in coastal California. Clustered tightly in dense leaves, they create a temperate environment through the winter before beginning their return flight home in early spring.

The migrations are so consistent and carried out so precisely that scientists are still trying to figure out how the insects do it — and how they pass their collective knowledge along.

"Amazingly, they fly in masses to the same winter roosts, often to the exact same trees," Taylor says.

Monarchs are valuable as pollinators. And fans say the overwintering phenomenon alone is a thing of rare beauty.

Betsy Kadow, a ranger at Lake Roland Park, and her mother, Kathy, a naturalist at Cromwell Valley Park, drove to California last winter to see it up close.

The butterflies that had settled in a grove in Pismo Beach were so tightly packed, they say, that they looked at first like leaves.

"There seemed to be millions huddled on each tree. It was absolutely breathtaking," Betsy says.

At Ladew Topiary Gardens in Monkton, so many staffers loved monarchs that the facility built a butterfly house three years ago. The structure has become a center for monarch activity.

Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Ladew Gardens are certified Monarch Watch way stations, two of dozens in Maryland. Others are the Eden Mill Nature Center in northern Harford County and the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center in Baltimore.

One of the more fruitful is Spencer's place, near Warren Elementary School.

As her fascination with the species deepened, Spencer — a mother, gardener and emergency-room nurse who calls herself an "incurable nurturer" — didn't just keep the milkweed plant and add more. She planted zinnias, goldenrod, Mexican sunflowers and other nectar-rich flowers, and bought aquarium-like tanks for nurturing eggs and caterpillars each year.

She also completed the 40-hour training regimen of the Baltimore County Master Gardeners, a program of the University of Maryland Extension, an educational outreach group.

As a volunteer, Spencer travels the state giving lectures on the butterfly. She hosts tag-and-release parties at schools, hospitals and centers for the disabled.

She sees monarchs as a healing force.

When she learned that a young patient she was caring for was curious about the insects, she invited him to her house to learn more.

The boy, Kyle Reedholm of Cockeysville, now 9, had been hospitalized with pneumonia.

He has been studying monarchs for the past year and raising them at home, and has given talks about the butterflies at school.

He was in Spencer's backyard last week as she prepared to release her 500th monarch this year.

As monarchs flitted through the flowers, taking nutrition breaks on their way south, Spencer and her protege removed new adults from a cage and put stickered ID labels on their wings.

Spencer held one out to Kyle, who held it gently, lifted it high and smiled as he let it go.

"Goodbye and have a great trip," he said, "wherever you end up."

Life & Style

Kim Kardashian West sues online media outlet for libel

NEW YORK (AP)—Kim Kardashian West sued an online media outlet for libel Tuesday, saying she was wrongly portrayed as a liar and thief after she was attacked in Paris.

The lawsuit in Manhattan federal court seeks unspecified damages from MediaTakeOut.com. It said Kardashian West, traumatized by the Oct. 3 armed robbery, was victimized a second time when the website reported hours afterward that she faked the robbery and lied about the assault.

The website's owner, Fred Mwangaguhunga, didn't answer his phone when comment was sought Tuesday. A message left with the website wasn't immediately returned.

Police said armed robbers forced their way into a private residence where the reality TV star was staying, tied her up and stole $10 million worth of jewelry. She was in Paris for fashion week.

No arrests have been made.

AP

In this Aug. 28, 2016 file photo, Kim Kardashian West arrives at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York. Kardashian West is suing online media outlet, MediaTakeOut.com, saying she was wrongly portrayed as a liar and thief after she was attacked in Paris.

The lawsuit said the website lacked any factual support when it published a series of articles referring to her as a liar and a thief and alleged that she faked the robbery, lied about the violent assault and filed a fraudulent claim with her insurance company to cheat her carrier out of millions of dollars.

The lawsuit said the "malicious publication of the articles, which paint the victim of a serious crime as a criminal herself, is libelous."

The website also ignored her demand that it publish a retraction and apology for calling her a liar and a criminal, the lawsuit said.

According to the lawsuit, Kardashian was assaulted and robbed by two masked men who put a gun to her head, duct-taped her hands, legs and mouth, and left her lying helplessly on the bathroom floor while they left with the jewelry.

After the attack, her husband, Kanye West, abruptly ended his New York concert, announcing that he had a family emergency.

Justin Bieber, Bruno Mars, Spears to perform at Jingle Ball

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Bieber, Bruno Mars and Britney Spears are some of the acts set to perform during the 12-date "Jingle Ball " tour this holiday season.

IHeartMedia announced Tuesday that the tour will kick off Nov. 29 in Dallas and wrap Dec. 18 in Miami.

The lineup, which varies by city, includes Ariana Grande, Fifth Harmony, Meghan Trainor, Backstreet Boys, The Chainsmokers, Shawn Mendes, One Direction's Niall Horan and others.

Tickets go on sale on Oct. 17.

The Dec. 9 show at New York's Madison Square Garden will stream live on The CW Network's app and website, and air as a 90-minute special on the channel on Dec. 15.

The tour will also visit San Jose; Los Angeles; Minneapolis; Philadelphia; New York; Boston; Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Atlanta; and Tampa.

Actor Daniel Craig would miss James Bond role 'terribly'

NEW YORK (AP)—Daniel Craig apparently isn't ready to retire as James Bond.

The actor told the crowd Friday at the New Yorker Festival that playing 007 is "the best job in the world." He said if he were to stop playing the role that he "would miss it terribly."

Craig played coy about returning to the long-running spy franchise while promoting his last Bond installment, "Spectre."

The British actor told Time Out magazine last year that he would only make another Bond movie "for the money."

However, when he was later asked by Britain's Press Association about reprising the role, Craig joked: "Do I have a choice?"

Craig blamed his previous will-he-or-won't-he comments at the New Yorker Festival on being away from his family and the physical strains of the role.

Singer Lauren Daigle repeats with 3 wins at Dove Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—For the second year in a row, Christian singer Lauren Daigle won three awards at the Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards on Tuesday night, including artist of the year.

"Honestly, just looking back at last year and being completely new to the Dove Awards, it was my very first time, to this year, it was such an embrace by the industry," Daigle said backstage after the show.

Two worship groups, Hillsong UNITED out of Australia and Bethel Music from California, took home two awards apiece during the 47th annual award show held at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Daigle went from the winning the new artist award last year to the top award this year, a seemingly overnight success for the popular singer and songwriter. Her 2015 debut album "How Can It Be" earned her a Grammy nomination as well and won a Billboard Music Award.

Daigle also won songwriter of the year, non-artist, and pop/contemporary recorded song of the year.

"Just cause I was so new, I didn't know what I was doing and I still feel really new to all of this," Daigle said.

Hillsong UNITED won worship album of the year and recorded music packaging of the year, while Bethel Music won worship song of the year and instrumental album of the year.

"I feel like this should be the people's award—the church—cause if anything worship represents our collective song, it should bring us together, and more than ever, a world that is divided needs a church that is united... that's the prayer," said Joel Houston of Hillsong UNITED in a statement.

Songwriter Pat Barrett and Tony Brown won song of the year for "Good, Good Father," and for King & Country won for contemporary Christian artist of the year.

AP

In this Nov. 5, 2015 file photo, Daniel Craig participates in AOL's BUILD Speakers Series to discuss the James Bond film "Spectre", at AOL Studios in New York.

Husband's partisan politics are dominating social visits

DEAR ABBY: My husband is very political, and around election time he becomes engrossed in news shows. He has a habit of showing his favorite political news clips to friends when they visit.

I am uncomfortable with this, as I feel our friends are too polite to decline, and they allow my husband to preach politics to them out of courtesy to the host. They are like-minded, politically speaking, and the few who aren't are not going to be swayed by comedy news shows.

I excuse myself from the room when he begins his sermons. I have asked him to stop doing this when friends visit, but he refuses. How can I persuade him to just have "friends time" with no politics?

POLITICALLY UNMOTIVATED

DEAR POLITICALLY UNMOTIVATED: You can't. You aren't going to change your husband. Fortunately, most of your friends are politically like-minded. Those who find his entertainment to be offensive will postpone seeing you until after the election is over. So stop stressing.

DEAR ABBY: Is it OK for a person who went to AA a few years ago and has gone totally alcohol-free, to start having a beer every other night or even keep a bottle of vodka around to have every now and then? Or should you stay alcohol-free to be sure that this issue doesn't happen again?

ALCOHOL-FREE

DEAR ALCOHOL-FREE: For some individuals it may be possible to have an occasional drink without falling completely off the wagon, but I wouldn't recommend it. And as to keeping a bottle of vodka around to nip into "every now and then," I think that makes as much sense as keeping a box of chocolates in the house if someone is addicted to sweets. (And many of us are!)

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law wants to choose the gifts we give them. She doesn't have enough manners to smile, accept a gift and say "thank you" as we were raised to do. She told us, "All those educational toys you gave my son, I donated them!" I have donated much of what she has given us, but I would never tell her that.

She's now ordering toys and having them delivered to our home for us to wrap and give to her son. I had already bought a kaleidoscope, books, racetrack and a huge jar of little cars to use as rewards since he's 4 and still not potty-trained. She sent us a thank-you note (the first one ever) for the gifts THEY sent us to give my nephew, but did not mention the eight items I bought! Please help me cope with this extremely rude sister-in-law.

TRYING TO COPE IN TEXAS

DEAR TRYING: I'll try. As I see it, you have two choices: The first is to decide to "go along with the program." The second would be to tell her she has taken all the joy out of gift-giving and, in the future, you will not be participating in the charade.

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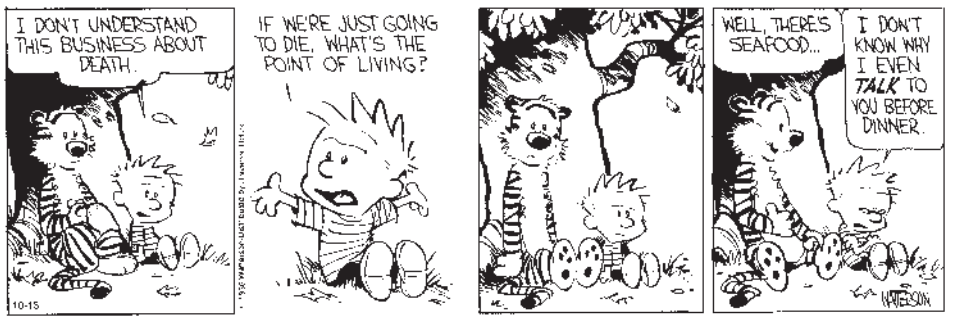
By Bill Waterson


I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS BUSINESS ABOUT DEATH.
IF WE'RE JUST GOING TO DIE, WHAT'S THE POINT OF LIVING?
WELL, THERE'S SEAFOOD...
I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVEN TALK TO YOU BEFORE DINNER.
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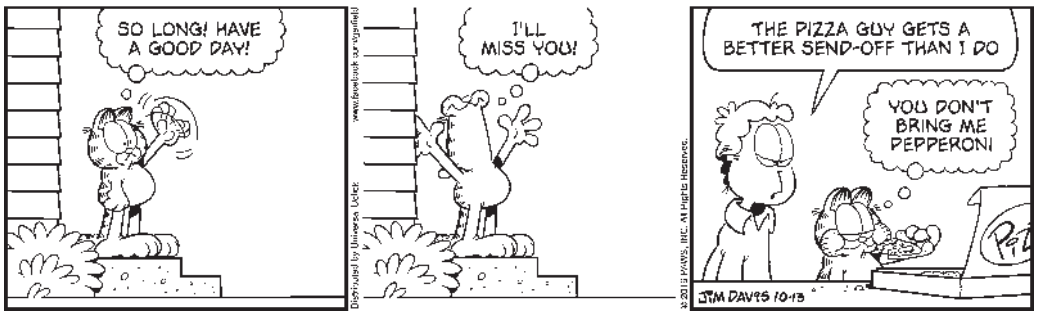
By Jim Davis



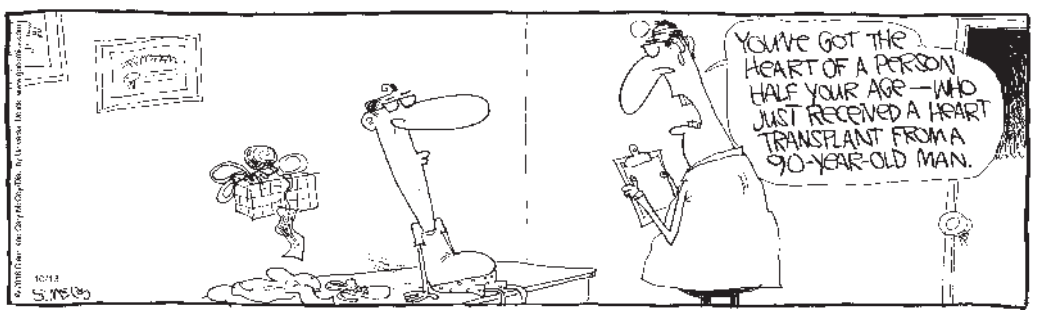
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

SO, YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY MORE COFFEE TODAY?
NO, I'M TRYING TO WHITE-KNUCKLE MY... MY...
ZZZ.
YAA!! I'M AWAKE! I'M AWAKE!!
I'M GOING TO QUIETLY FILM THIS FOR YOUTUBE.
OKAY. GOOD CALL. JUST DON'T LET ADAM KNOW.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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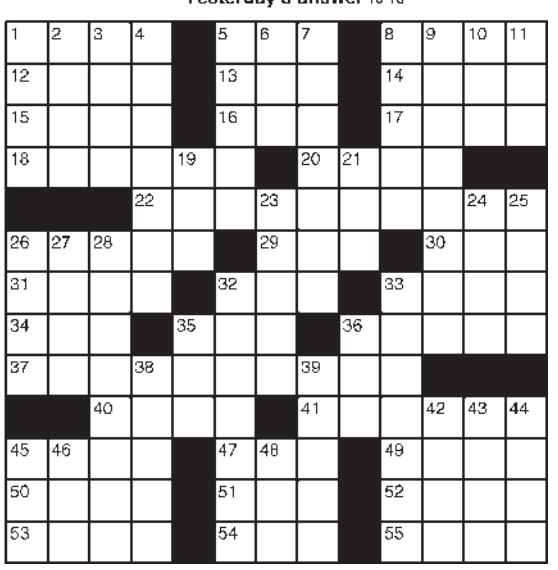

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Happy Birthday: Look for ways to improve your life personally and professionally. Mental and physical updates will help you get ahead and feel good about the initiative you have taken. Settle any differences you have with others so that you can leave the past behind and get on with your life. Make your family and peers a priority. Your numbers are 7, 12, 23, 31, 37, 43, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Dealing with superiors or institutions will be difficult if you aren't well-informed. Get your facts in order and be prepared to speak on your own behalf. If you want something, ask for it. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Sharing with others will make your life easier. Working alongside people who share your concerns will bring about positive change. Romance is featured and will contribute to the lifestyle changes that make you happy. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't feel the need to make a snap decision if you aren't clear about the facts. It's better to be safe than sorry, especially where money and your integrity are involved. It will be difficult to hide your feelings. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): A partnership or job offer will entice you. Speak up and negotiate on your behalf. A joint venture will give you the chance to present what you have to offer. Don't be afraid to be different. Your uniqueness is an asset. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Money will come from an unusual source. Don't leave anything to chance. Look for positive changes that will encourage you to use your skills. If force is required, it's best to look for an alternative means of getting what you want. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Socialize, network and form partnerships with people who are into the same things as you. There is strength in numbers, and sharing similar goals will make it easier to combat any obstacles that come your way. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll have to decipher what's actually happening before you try to offer solutions. Let the responses from others be your guide to the best way to handle the situations you face. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You can make promising changes at home that will allow you greater freedom to explore new opportunities. A small home-based business will help you make ends meet. Romance is in the stars and will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stick close to home and make sure you have all your personal papers in order. Someone will try to dismantle your plans if you are too open about what you are trying to accomplish. Work hard and make precise preparations. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Use your energy to accomplish things, not to complain. Stick to what you know. It's best to check the facts and listen carefully to someone who can verify the information you receive. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Learn as you go. Ask someone who can offer you something unique to contribute before you make a change that will influence your financial position. Protect your reputation when dealing with affairs of the heart. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Interact with people who are heading in a similar direction as you or who are trying to fix a concern that is troubling you. Not everyone will agree with you, but your input will offer food for thought. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are kind, intelligent and imaginative. You are relentless and outgoing.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/13

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

CHIA PUDDING Solution: 9 letters

E	B	B	M	F	E	E	D	A	M	E	M	O	H	T
T	S	E	A	A	R	A	P	P	L	E	S	P	R	R
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(1) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum (1) year work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment.
Closing date: October 13, 2016

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Solar Energy Advisor

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Overview
In this role, you will be the forefront of Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc. driving the clean energy movement. You are the first person our customers meet along their journey of purchasing a MRE/SUNNOVA clean energy solution. Your work will reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gases, taking the equivalent of millions of car miles off the road each year. If you are willing to work hard, want to make good money, and make the world a better place, then this position is an ideal fit.

However, this position is not a 9-to-5 desk job. As a Solar Energy Advisor at MRE, you will be responsible for generating your own leads, primarily by door to door sales efforts, referrals, and channel sales methods. You will be working directly with homeowners to lower their monthly utility by going green with MRE/SUNNOVA. This is a full time position at MRE that has a rich commission program linked to performance with benefits.

Responsibilities
- Drive production of opportunities to meet local sales teams goals and objectives
- Develop qualified referrals and sales opportunities
- Generate own leads by directly contacting homeowners, initiate conversations and close home owner contracts to save money while using clean solar energy

Qualifications
- 2 year or 4 year college degree preferred
- High school diploma required
- Excellent computer skills including Microsoft Office, proficient with email and CRM systems
- MUST have prior door to door sales experience
- A track record of achievement as evidenced by sales awards, beating quota, etc.
- General understanding of the sales process and experience achieving and exceeding sales quota goals
- A positive, friendly personality and professional demeanor
- Flexibility to work within non-standard business hours
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required
- Excellent customer service skills required
- Frequent local travel
- Frequent walking/standing for 6-8 hours per day
- Ability to work with daily exposure to outside environment including inclement weather
- Punctual, regular and consistent attendance
- A reliable form of personal transportation. Must be able to work independently, with minimal supervision
- Team player with a big picture attitude!
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Benefits for Full-Time Positions
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- Full benefits package including health, dental insurance• (After 90 Days employment)
- Career path opportunities for top performers

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Solar Energy/Electrical Installation Technician

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Overview
Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc. is seeking applicants to install residential grid-tied and off grid Solar PV systems. In this position, the PV Installer will provide support to the crew lead of the installation team, communicate job status data to the operations management, and ensure the completion of installation of all solar arrays/systems. It is the responsibility of every Installer to ensure safe work practices for the MRE installation team.

Responsibilities
- Pulling inventory for each installation job
- Pre-assemble job components in the warehouse
- Layout and assembly of solar modules / array and mounting hardware
- Mechanical/structural mounting of racking, modules and electrical equipment
- Electrical wiring of solar array/system (AC and DC)
- Document completion of completed installation
- Cleanup of job site
- Attend mandatory training sessions on new products, installation methodology and safety
- Additional duties required as needed

Qualifications
- 1 year of roof work, general construction, or Electrical required
- Previous solar experience strongly preferred
- Must be able to lift 50lbs
- Ability to work in extreme environments (example: heat, sun, etc)
- Must be willing and able to climb ladders, stairs, work on rooftops and able to work on your feet for long periods of time
- Basic computer skills including familiarity with Microsoft Office programs
- High school diploma or GED required
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required
- Excellent customer service skills required
- Must be able to successfully pass a pre-employment criminal, driving and drug screen
- Must have a clean driving record (example- no DUI in the last 5 years)
- Must have a valid CNMI driver's license
- Thrive in a team environment

Benefits for Full-Time Positions:
- Above Market Competitive compensation with many positions incentivized
- Paid training with Micronesia's leader in solar power
- Full benefits package including health, vision, and dental insurance after 90 days of employment
- Employee referral program
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We are seeking for high energy individuals with a positive, can do attitude.
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CLUBMATES
Must have previous related work experience and must pass all American Red Cross Lifeguard requirements (including a 300 yard continuous swim test); Sports-minded individuals are encouraged to apply; Must possess good verbal and written communication skills; Korean, Japanese and/or Russian language skill is a plus; Paid training and free two year lifeguard certification course for eligible candidates; Must be able to work on evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) COOK
Minimum of one (1) year related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) ENGINEERING MANAGER
Minimum of one (1) to three (3) years' experience as an Engineering Manager preferably from Hotel, Lodging or Construction industry. Must have a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineer preferably a certified license. Knowledgeable in power generation (diesel generator/boiler) and water treatment plant (reverse osmosis). Knowledgeable in handling and operating equipment such as chilled water type air conditioning as well as laundry and kitchen equipment. Must be proficient in the use of all Microsoft Office programs. Must be able to work weekdays, weekends, evenings and holidays.

(1) GRAPHIC DESIGNER
Minimum of two (2) years related work experience. Must have previous experience in Apply Mac, Creative Suite 5, Adobe and Publisher. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) KOREAN COOK
Must have at least a minimum of two (2) years of related experience with Korean cuisine and ingredients. Must have previous experience in high volume production including large banquets, functions and special events. High School Diploma or higher is required. Must be able to work early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.

(2) ROOM ATTENDANT
Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a room attendant for a hotel. Motivated, self-starter responsible for cleaning up to 18 rooms per shift. Must have the ability to bend, lift, carry & move items weighing 50 pounds. Must be able to stand for long excessive hours. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 18th, 2016.
PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance.
Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered.
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Kanoa Resort
Saipan

Invites qualified US workers to apply for this vacant position:

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or three (3) years of experience as an A/C refrigeration technician. Must be able to read electrical wiring and control diagrams. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (12)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Steward (10)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeper (7)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Public Area Attendant (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Keep building in clean and orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than October 17, 2016. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
A TanHoldings Company

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant positions:

(11) Housekeeping Cleaner
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 1 year cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays and back-to-back when necessary.

(4) Laundry Attendant
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 1 year experience as a laundry attendant is required, preferably in a high volume hotel or establishment such as a hospital but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

(1) Pastry Chef
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 2 years experience in creating breads and other baked goods such as cakes, pies and other pastries. Strong math skills, detailed oriented. Familiar with baking equipment. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

(1) A/C Refrigeration Technician
Qualification: ER preference, 3 years previous experience as A/C refrigeration technician is required. Must be able to read electrical wiring diagrams and control diagrams. Must be able to trouble shoot A/C and refrigeration equipment. Electrical experience is a must. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

(1) Diesel Mechanic
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years experience as a diesel mechanic is required. Must have an in-depth knowledge of diesel engineer and electrical systems. Attention to detail is essential. Must be able to use and understand an array of tools and technical equipment. Able to diagnose, adjust, repair or overhaul buses and trucks, or maintain and repair any type of diesel engines. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Mason
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years masonry or bricklaying experience OR any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills and abilities have been achieved. Must have knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment and materials and skills in the construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Electrician
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years progressive work experience in industrial, commercial and residential building electrical works. Must know how to understand electrical plan. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

(12) Steward
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

(1) Upholsterer
Qualification: 2 years experience as an upholsterer with above average knowledge in upholstery making, designing and conceptualizing, knowledge on stitching by hand or with the use of big sewing machines, repairing or redesign wrecked upholsters, must recognize different methods of upholstery making both in household and automobile, be able to communicate with the customers well and easy to understand what they want, must be meticulous with his/her work must be goal oriented and can meet deadlines.

(1) ACCOUNTANT
Four (4) years experience in accounting, preferably from a high volume hotel, AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is required. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledgeable with accounting software preferred. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays when required.

(30) COOKS
High school diploma/GED required, one (1) year experience as a cook in, international cuisine is required and preferably from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant, able to read and follow standardized recipes, strong knowledge of proper food handling procedures, must have problem solving skills, be self-motivated and organized, must be able to work under pressure and adaptable to last minute work preparation, able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays, able to work as part of a team in a busy kitchen atmosphere, must go through a pre-employment drug test.

(5) GENERAL MAINTENANCE
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years experience as a general maintenance worker is required, must be able to work independently, must be able to move, carry and lift up to 50 pounds, must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills, able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) CARPENTER
High school diploma/GED required. One (1) year carpentry experience or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved. Incumbent in this classification is exposed to restricted movement, extreme temperature and intense noise inherent to carpentry position. Must be able to lift and carry objects up to 45 pounds. Must be able to work flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

(1) SUPERVISOR, CARPENTER
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years work experience in Carpentry, in a supervisory level is required, from a high volume hotel or building complex industry preferred, must be able to lift and carry objects up to 45 pounds, must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) DEMI CHEF
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years work experience as a Demi Chef in a high volume restaurant or hotel is required. Must be able to work under extreme pressure, stand on feet for long periods of time and work in a heated environment, able to work nights, early morning hours, weekends and holidays.

(1) SUPERVISOR, PAINTER
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years work experience as Painter Supervisor is required. Skilled in applying paints and other finishes with spray machines and in the use of all tools of the painting trade, proficient in estimating materials and labor requirements. Working conditions are considered acceptable, but involve exposure to outside weather, standing on ladders and scaffolds. Alertness and careful attention is required to avoid injury to self and to others

(1) IT TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST
Advanced experience in the configuration, installation repair and troubleshooting of computer hardware, network switches, network line connection, routers, phone lines, phone units and other computer peripherals. Advanced experience in networking phone system and security camera. Advanced experience with desktop operating systems and MS applications. Advanced experience with skills in problem identification and problem resolution techniques. Ability to prioritize tasks with long term projects and work in a fast paced environment with minimum supervision, knowledge in web application, must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends holidays and overtime if necessary. Working conditions involve lifting and transporting moderately heavy objects such as computers and peripherals.

Applications may be obtained at Fiesta Resort's security office located at the south wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of application is October 13, 2016 to be considered. A drug test will be required as a pre-requisite to employment.

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Cubs rally for 4 runs in 9th, beat Giants 6-5 to win NLDS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Kris Bryant tossed his glove high in the air, Jake Arrieta jumped over the dugout railing and the rest of the Chicago Cubs rushed to join the celebration.

Pure revelry and a sigh of relief, all at once.

World Series favorites since opening day, the Cubs took another step in their championship chase Tuesday night by rallying for four runs in the ninth inning of Game 4 to beat San Francisco 6-5 and win their NL Division Series.

"You could see it coming. You could see little signs. We've done it before and the guys, we don't quit," Cubs center fielder Dexter Fowler said. "It's a little more special doing it here. They for sure were thinking that they won it. But we play 27 outs and we don't give up until we win."

Javier Baez's tiebreaking single capped the comeback against a beleaguered bullpen that sabotaged the Giants one last time.

The team with the best record in the majors this year will open the NL Championship Series at Wrigley Field on Saturday against the Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington Nationals. That matchup is tied 2-all heading into the deciding Game 5 on Thursday.

"I've seen it so many times from this group. It's a big part of our philosophy," manager Joe Maddon said.

Seeking their first World Series title since 1908, the Cubs will get a few days of rest before opening the NLCS. Chicago was swept by the New York Mets in a four-game NLCS last year.

Held to two hits over eight innings by Matt Moore, the Cubs trailed 5-2 heading to the ninth.

Now, they're headed back to their second consecutive NLCS after snapping San Francisco's 10-game winning streak when facing postseason elimination.

AP

Chicago Cubs players celebrate around pitcher Aroldis Chapman, center foreground, after Game 4 of baseball's National League Division Series against the San Francisco Giants in San Francisco, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

Pinch-hitter Willson Contreras tied it with a two-run single with none out. Baez singled in the go-ahead run two batters later, and the Cubs capitalized on Gold Glove shortstop Brandon Crawford's second costly error and more untimely blunders by the Giants' once-reliable relief staff.

One day after getting tagged in the eighth inning, Aroldis Chapman closed this one out by striking out the side in order. When he set down Brandon Belt to end it, Chapman's teammates rushed to the mound to hug him and begin their celebration.

After finishing off the resilient Giants, Maddon should have his rotation all lined up because lefty Jon Lester wasn't needed to pitch a potential Game 5 in the Division Series.

Maddon has his confident, power-hitting Cubs on quite an October roll. They already beat All-Star Johnny Cueto and ex-Cubs pitcher Jeff Samardzija, then waited until Moore's stellar outing was done to pounce.

Downright unflappable for years in these pressure-packed scenarios, the Giants had won 10 straight games when facing postseason elimination. The World Series champions in 2010, '12 and '14, their every-other-year title chance is over in '16 with the club's first postseason series defeat in the last 12.

"We don't think we're going to win the World Series every even year. I mean, it took 50-something years to get one here," quipped Giants manager Bruce Bochy, whose bullpen management was scrutinized throughout a disappointing second half.

The orange towel-waving sellout crowd of 43,166, perhaps spoiled this decade by the every-other-year title success, had been counting on a few more games by the bay this October.

Moore, acquired from Tampa Bay at the Aug. 1 trade deadline for games of this magnitude, struck out 10 as his former Rays manager - Maddon - watched from the other dugout.

Long after Cubs starter John Lackey's night was done, Hector Rondon pitched the eighth for the win.

WHAT CURSE?

Lester doesn't buy all the superstition surrounding Chicago's championship drought.

"Nobody really cares in there about a curse or a goat or anything else," he said. "If we make a mistake, we're not going to blame it on a curse or anything else like that. We're going to blame it on ourselves and be accountable for it and move on to the next play or the next moment. ... We've got too many young guys in there that don't even know what that stuff is, you know what I mean? So, it's almost better to play naive and just go out and worry about us, worry about the Cubs and not anything else in the past or, like I said, any animals."

POWER PITCHERS

Two pitchers homered for the Cubs in the series: Arrieta on Monday and reliever Travis Wood in Game 2. The 1924 New York Giants were the only other team to have two pitchers go deep in a postseason series, according to ESPN Stats & Info.

"That's pretty incredible, isn't it?" Maddon said.

GIANTS INJURIES

Left fielder Angel Pagan missed his second straight start with back spasms, and third baseman Eduardo Nunez's strained right hamstring is still slow to heal, leaving the Giants to contemplate replacing one on the roster. But no move was made before the game.

CRAWFORD'S MISCUES

The shortstop was the first Giants player to commit two errors in a postseason game since Don Mueller on Sept. 29, 1954, in Game 1 of the World Series.

Utley lifts Dodgers to 6-5 win over Nats to force Game 5

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Clayton Kershaw was out of the game, his head down in the dugout, the Los Angeles bullpen faltering and the season slipping away.

Chase Utley plucked the Dodgers from the brink, singling home the tiebreaking run with two outs in the eighth inning.

Suddenly, Game 5 was on the horizon.

One more chance to pursue the club's first World Series appearance in 28 years.

"There is no quit in this team," closer Kenley Jansen said.

The Dodgers avoided elimination Tuesday with a 6-5 victory over the Washington Nationals that forced a deciding game in their NL playoff.

Jansen worked the ninth for a save, one day after giving up four late runs during Los Angeles' loss in Game 3.

"I got out there and focused and fought," he said.

The finale is Thursday in Washington, with 20-game winner Max Scherzer set to pitch for the Nationals.

"Man, this is going to be a heck of a ballgame," he said. "The effort from both sides over the first four games has been incredible. Great pitching, great hitting, defense, everything."

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said he will use left-hander Rich Hill and rookie Julio Urias, but did not announce which one will start. Hill is expected to get the ball first.

"If anyone gives up on this team, they haven't seen us play a whole lot this year," Roberts said, "and it starts with what Clayton did - short rest and leaving it all out there. Everyone fed off that."

Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers, who turned to Kershaw on three days' rest to salvage their season.

The score was tied 5-all with two outs in the eighth when Andrew Toles got hit by a pitch from loser Blake Treinen. Ethier followed with a single to left and Utley singled to right, scoring Toles from second for a 6-5 lead.

Trailing 5-2 in the seventh, the Nats had runners on first and second against Kershaw with two outs. The crowd chanted Kershaw's name as he and Bryce Harper battled through eight pitches before Harper drew a walk.

"Man, that's what baseball is all about right there - a matter of will," Nats manager Dusty Baker said. "Kershaw was on empty. We knew it. They knew it. Everybody knew it."

Harper's walk loaded the bases and chased Kershaw, who walked off with his head down. He sat alone in the dugout with his head resting on his right hand.

"Kershaw was outstanding," Baker said. "That's one of the best performances I've seen, especially on three days' rest."

But the Dodgers' bullpen nearly gave the game away.

Pedro Baez came in and hit Jayson Werth with his only pitch, forcing in a run to make it 5-3. Baez got booed off the field.

Daniel Murphy's single off Luis Avilan dropped between Toles and Joc Pederson in left-center field, scoring two runs to tie it at 5. Avilan also heard boos.

Joe Blanton, who earned the win, retired Anthony Rendon on a swinging strikeout to end the inning.

"Our bullpen has been unbelievable," Kershaw said. "Joe did what Joe's been doing all season. He's been through a lot in his career but he came in and shut them down."

After failing to close out the Dodgers on the road, Washington gets one more chance to win a playoff series for the first time since the franchise relocated from Montreal. NL East champions in three of the past five years, the Nationals were unable to advance during their two previous trips to the postseason.

"That's why we fought so hard for the home-field advantage," Baker said. "This year, it's coming to fruition."

Desperate to avoid another early playoff exit, the Dodgers went with Kershaw, their three-time Cy Young Award winner who won Game 1 last Friday despite going just five innings and allowing three runs.

This time, he was charged with five runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out 11—equaling his second-best postseason total - and walked two.

The left-hander was limited to 149 innings while compiling a 1.69 ERA during the regular season. He missed 2 1/2 months with a mildly herniated disk in his back.

Kershaw opened the game by giving up a leadoff single and a walk before Murphy's RBI single.

The Dodgers took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the inning on Gonzalez's two-run shot that scored Justin Turner, who was hit by a pitch from Joe Ross.

Werth's RBI single tied it 2-all in the third.

Los Angeles again answered in the bottom of the inning, with Kershaw getting the rally going with a double to left field. He slid into second and clenched his fists in a rare show of emotion.

Kershaw scored on Turner's single with two outs. Pederson got hit by a pitch from Ross with the bases loaded, forcing in Turner

Ross made his postseason debut for the Nationals, giving up four runs and three hits in 2 2/3 innings, equaling the shortest playoff start in the history of the Montreal-Washington franchise. The 23-year-old right-hander struck out three and walked two. He hasn't pitched more than four innings since coming off the disabled list on Sept. 18.

Bradford has been fitting right in with 5-0 Vikings

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Sam Bradford has started all of four games for Minnesota.

The Vikings aren't yet one-third of the way through their schedule.

The early return on that expensive emergency trade the Vikings made for Bradford, though, could not have been better.

They're the only undefeated team remaining in the NFL, and Bradford has the second-best passer rating in the league (109.8) among quarterbacks with a qualifying amount of attempts.

"Obviously, it's a great start," said Bradford, who was fetched from Philadelphia for a first-round draft pick in 2017 and a conditional selection in 2018 that'll be in the second, third or fourth round. "You couldn't ask for anything more than being 5-0 going into your bye week."

Waiting for the Vikings after the welcomed break is a road game on Oct. 23 against those Eagles (3-1), who haven't missed Bradford one bit because of the success of rookie Carson Wentz.

Coach Mike Zimmer cracked a couple of smiles after Minnesota's 31-13 victory over Houston on Sunday, but he'll soon enter his usual state of anxiety about the upcoming opponent and how to slow its offense.

"Like Coach Zimmer said after the game, it's still a lot of work this team needs to do," Bradford said. "I think they're still rooting for us to improve, and I think that's our mindset going forward. We're not satisfied. It's early in the year, and we haven't accomplished anything yet."

No, but the Vikings have at least mastered the art of resilience, after losing quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, running back Adrian Peterson, left tackle Matt Kalil and now right tackle Andre Smith, all perhaps for the rest of the season.

Bridgewater's colossal injury to his left knee triggered the deal for Bradford eight days before the opener, and the 28-year-old former No. 1 overall draft pick has meshed with his new teammates and picked up offensive coordinator Norv Turner's playbook as if he's been in purple his whole pro career.

"The offensive coaches have done a great job of getting him prepared," Zimmer said. "The one thing about Sam is that he will communicate the things that he likes to do.

AP

Minnesota Vikings' Sam Bradford (8) is sacked by Carolina Panthers' Lavar Edwards (93) in the first half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016.

"If we have a play in the game plan that he doesn't like, he's going to tell Norv, and we get rid of the play. We try to do things that he's comfortable with, even though it's been a short period of time."

When wide receiver Stefon Diggs (groin) was held out on Sunday against the Texans, Adam Thielen stepped up with seven catches for 127 yards and a tone-setting touchdown on the opening drive.

"I really didn't know much about this team at all, to be honest, before I got here. I think I learn a little bit more each week," Bradford said. "I think we've definitely got a lot of playmakers on the offensive side of the ball, a lot of guys that we feel if can get the ball in their hands then good things will happen."

According to the NFL, the Vikings are only the second team since 1933 to go five games into the season without throwing an interception while also winning all five. Roman Gabriel and the Los Angeles Rams also did so in 1969, when Gabriel went on to be voted the NFL MVP.

Peterson won the award in 2012 and led the league in rushing again last year, but he had only 50 yards on 31 carries before damaging his right knee.

His absence, as strange as it sounds, could actually have been a productive development for the offense provided Jerick McKinnon and Matt Asiata remain healthy as a viable two-man fill-in.

Bradford, who has completed 70.4 percent of his passes for 990 yards and six touchdowns, acknowledged on Sunday the creative spark that followed the loss of Peterson.

Rather than lining up in traditional setups for power running plays, the Vikings have been operating predominantly out of the shotgun and frequently using spread formations for a quick-passing, up-tempo attack.

"I think that's a little bit different than what the offense has done in the past," Bradford said. "I think it's just us getting to know each other, us getting familiar with where we're going as an offense. But I think it's just guys buying in."

49ers name Colin Kaepernick starting quarterback

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—Colin Kaepernick will start at quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers this week against the Buffalo Bills.

Coach Chip Kelly announced the decision Tuesday to bench Blaine Gabbert and give back the job Kaepernick lost midway through last season. Kaepernick has only played briefly in the opener but has generated attention with his refusal to stand for the national anthem.

Gabbert has struggled this season for San Francisco (1-4). He is last in the NFL in yards per attempt (5.9) and has the second-worst passer rating (69.6) in the league.

After leading the Niners to the Super Bowl following the 2012 season and the NFC title game the following year, Kaepernick has struggled. He lost his job to Gabbert midway through last season and then had three operations that limited his work in the offseason.

Romo's status uncertain as Prescott question looms larger

FRISCO, Texas (AP)—Tony Romo was expected to have an MRI on Monday, with Dallas owner Jerry Jones believing the results would show that his quarterback's fourth back injury in less than four years has healed.

Coach Jason Garrett didn't provide an update, but did indicate that the 36-year-old Romo won't be officially listed as a participant in practice this week. The Cowboys visit Green Bay (3-1) on Sunday before their bye week.

"I think it's day to day, and that seems a little further down the road," Garrett said.

It's been almost seven weeks since Romo broke a bone in his back when he was tackled awkwardly in a preseason game at Seattle. Rookie Dak Prescott has led the Cowboys (4-1) to four straight wins after they went 1-11 without Romo last season.

While Garrett refuses to be drawn into a Prescott-Romo debate, Jones is doing his best to show enthusiasm for the surprising newcomer and respect for his beloved incumbent, the first $100 million player in franchise history.

"Tony is our No. 1 quarterback and we're going to have the luxury of being able to, I think, see them both," Jones said after Sunday's 28-14 victory over Cincinnati. "I welcome the opportunity of having Dak playing at this level and Tony back in excellent health. It's going to be really special for the Cowboys."

Romo has been throwing as part of his rehab, but hasn't practiced since the injury. The 10-year starter has had back surgery twice since 2013, along with two other back injuries that didn't require an operation, including the most recent. He broke his left collarbone twice last season.

Meantime, Prescott has avoided the types of mistakes that have plagued Romo throughout his career. While the 23-year-old had his first turnover on a lost fumble against the Bengals, he has 155 passes without an interception to start his career, seven shy of Tom Brady's NFL record.

Prescott wrapped up the rookie mark when Philadelphia's Carson Wentz finally threw an interception in a loss at Detroit on Sunday.

"The biggest thing for everybody is just focusing on doing what you need to do to get yourself better every day," Garrett said, repeating a familiar refrain throughout Prescott's winning streak. "Tony is doing that with his rehab. Then Dak has to continue doing what he's doing, prepare as well as he can and go play as well as he can and that's pretty much where our focus is."

The Cowboys are visiting the Packers for the third straight season, starting with a loss in the divisional round of the playoffs in 2014. The 28-7 loss last season was one of seven in eight starts for Matt Cassel, the second of three veteran backups who failed filling in for Romo.

In two road victories, Prescott has led a fourth-quarter rally to beat Washington and overcome a 14-0 deficit in San Francisco. Now the former Mississippi State standout visits Lambeau Field.

"It's an historic place, but once I get there I will be locked in," Prescott said . "I will be locked into the game plan, that defense, and what we have to do to win the game."

And if Prescott beats Aaron Rodgers for a 5-1 start, the questions will keep coming for Garrett and Jones.

"I'll show you some hard days around here without a quarterback (that would) really want to make you pout, ok?'" Jones said. "That's not a problem to have that."

CTSI shuts down Shirley's in Dove women's league

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CTSI got in second win in Division A of the 2016 Dove Women's Fall League after blanking Shirley's FC, 3-0, last Sunday at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School Field.

Lyka Sally, Guinevere Borja, and Jeraldine Castillo scored for CTSI. All goals were made in the second half with Borja lighting up the board first in the 47th minute and Castillo following suit a minute later. Sally's shot came in the 60th minute.

Shirley's absorbed its first loss after a 2-0 start and is forced to share the top spot with CTSI.

In the other Division A game, TanHoldings and Kanoa settled for a 2-2 draw.

Paulyn Grace Joyce knocked in the pair of goals for Kanoa with her second in the 43rd minute tying the match. Her first goal was recorded in the 28th minute. Gillian Villagomez duplicated Joyce's two goals as the former found the back of the net in the 25th and 38th minute.

TanHoldings now has a 1-1-1 win-draw-loss record, while Kanoa holds a 0-1-2 slate.

DIVISION B
Babs 1, Kanoa 0

Babs edged Kanoa in the first game in Division B.

Soledad Quan knocked in the lone goal in the match for Babs' second victory in as many games. Kanoa fell to a 1-1-1 card.

Shirley's 3, Kagman 1

In the other game, Shirley's defeated Kagman.

Thereze Millare fired two goals for Shirley's, which got one from Marilou Arriola. Shirley's now has a 2-1-0 slate. Kagman has yet to win after three games and got its only goal from Jaymades Ruluked.

MASTERS
Matansa 8, TanHoldings 0

Matansa posted the most lopsided win in last weekend's matches after routing TanHoldings.

Ivana Cosum led Matansa to victory after making five goals. Bunruang Brassuel added two, while Ratree Ditwiset chipped in one.

Meanwhile, the other masters division match between Topnotch and MP United ended in a draw, 4-4.

Athletes to Trump: That's not how our locker room talks

MIAMI (AP)—Udonis Haslem was leading some banter with Miami Heat teammates after practice Monday, the jokes and laughter helping everyone wind down after practice.

That's how he defines locker room talk.

Donald Trump's characterization of his caught-on-tape crude and predatory comments about women as "locker room talk" has raised the ire of plenty of athletes, the overwhelming majority saying that what goes on even in private doesn't match up to what the Republican presidential nominee said on the now-infamous leaked tape.

"I don't know what locker room he's been in," Haslem said. "No, I didn't appreciate it, to be completely honest. That's not our locker room talk. I don't know Trump very well at all, but I don't know who he's played for the last couple years to even say he's been in anybody's locker room and had those kind of conversations."

On the tape, recorded in 2005, Trump brags about kissing, grabbing women's genitals and trying to have sex with women other than his wife. "When you're a star, they let you do it," he bragged. "You can do anything."

"It didn't sound like any talk in any locker room that I've ever been in, so maybe it was just a phrase," Cleveland Browns wide receiver Andrew Hawkins said. "But it was wrong."

Athletes fired back en masse at Trump to send the message that they don't talk like he does. Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Brett Anderson, Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Chris Conley, Jamal Crawford of the Los Angeles Clippers and retired NFL players Donte Stallworth and Chris Kluwe all were among the first to speak out, and many have since followed.

Saying it's never heard, however, may be a stretch. Some described hearing crude, profane or degrading comments routinely.

"Most definitely," said Tennessee Titans tight end Delanie Walker, when asked if he's heard the off-color chatter. "Yeah, I have."

Ron Darling, the former major league pitcher who's now a television analyst, said such language isn't hard to find—and it's found in the locker room, the boardroom, and country clubs.

The hard part, for Darling, was trying to avoid it—which he said he would do by walking away.

"Every repugnant thing that you can think of has probably been said in a clubhouse at some point," Darling said at Fenway Park on Monday night, right before the Indians-Red Sox playoff game.

"The thing about it is that it's the lowest common denominator thing. So it's the person with the foulest and worst mind and mouth is the person that becomes the loudmouth in the clubhouse," he said.

"A lot of times clubhouses get associated with that person. It's a shame. It's why I chose personally—if my mom heard me say things like that, she would beat the s--- out of me."

But the majority of athletes and coaches who have spoken out since the tape was published by The Washington Post and NBC News on Friday insist that what typically goes on stops well short of the level that Trump went to in his descriptions of grabbing women on that tape.

"We're working hard on our young men understanding that women are priceless and should be treated as such," Ole Miss football coach Hugh Freeze said.

Former NBA player Shane Battier said the "locker room" issue shouldn't be limited to the conversations athletes have among themselves.

"Be it right or misguided, the locker room—in however you define it—is probably one of the last places where most people feel safe expressing themselves without of the fear of judgment or backlash," Battier said.

To even suggest that locker rooms are barren of such talk and innuendo would be futile.

The handling of sexual assault cases at the college level has been under fire for some time. Baylor fired football coach Art Briles after an investigation showed the program mishandled and covered up allegations. Tennessee struck a $2.48 million settlement after a lawsuit alleged the Volunteers didn't properly address some sexual assault claims involving athletes. Earlier this year, Florida State agreed to pay $950,000 to a woman who said she was raped by former Seminoles star Jameis Winston.

And three years ago, the Miami Dolphins season unraveled amid claims of players bullying their own teammates in the locker room.

"If that is the actual talk that's happening in locker rooms, it's time to look at the leaders and examine their culture as to why those conversations happen," Miami women's basketball coach Katie Meier said.

At the WNBA Finals, Minnesota Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve said the mere notion of "locker room talk" further shows that women aren't treated equally.

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Atalig rounded out the Top 3 with her 11:37.

Joining Bacani, Kim, and Atalig in the Top 10 were San Vicente's Karmeann Cabrera (11:46), Rhiettazayne Mendiola (12:09), and Jeyanne Crisostomo (12:16), Agape's Mary Fu (13:36), Mt. Carmel's Davina Chae (14:13), SCS' Fiona Kim (14:18), and San Vicente's Brynae Sablan (14:31). Six other runners finished the one-lap course.

In the girls U11 age group, there were only 10 runners with SCS' Hana Oijima leading the finishers list after checking in at 8:24. SCS occupied the Top 5 in the division with Katie Choi ranked second with her 8:36, and followed by Anika Camacho (9:37), Chloie Seo (9:40), and Michelle Ryu (9:59). San Vicente's Summer Manahane (11:22), Emeling Mendiola (11:53), Rebecca Xuan Shen (14:43), and Chelsea Lorenzo (15:46) and Agape's Lyn Zhao (13:46) rounded out the finishers.

Meanwhile, in the boys division, San Vicente's Vincent Albert Palacios and Kian Helgen topped the U7 and U9 age groups, respectively.

Palacios' 7:39 was more than a minute ahead of fellow San Vicente student Kymo Porros (8:41). The Canaries had a Top 4 finish in the division with Chase Agulto placing third with his 9:33 and Seth Sablan coming in at fourth after registering 10:52. SCS's Richard Zhao (10:54), MCS' Arston Tagabuel (12:18), Agape's Jason Xie (12:23), MCS' Keanu Silva (13:56), San Vicente's Eloy Deleon Guerrero (15:00), and Agape's Tiger Guo (17:15) completed the Top 10.

In the boys U9, Helgen (8:13) led San Vicente's 1-2-3 finish, as he beat schoolmates Bryce Royal (8:44) and Nicholas Taisacan (8:49). Thirteen other runners joined the division.

In the boys U11, Dandan Middle School's lone entry—Ron Muna—was the top finisher and runner with the best time in the entire elementary division. He cut the tape at the 7:22 mark to place away ahead of Agape's Jack Xue (10:15) and San Vicente's Aizeah Hocog (10:17).

Series 2 in Susupe

NMA will hold the second leg of the cross country series this Saturday at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

Races will start at 7am with elementary runners heading out to the course first.

The third leg will return to the CPA Airport Field and will take place on Oct. 22. The finale will also be held at the airport field on Nov. 5.

BSI-BLUE

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Tony Raho started BSI-Blue Eagle's scoring spree with a pair of free throws off their team's timeout and after Stephen's Pawnshop cut the deficit 2 points. Dindo Pablo then added a triple after missing two earlier, while Schmidt scored BSI-Blue Eagle's next 8 markers. He had an off-balance shot, a triple from the top key to beat the 24-second shot clock, and an and-1 play. Schmidt then left the game at the 1:49 mark, with his team comfortably ahead, 83-68, and a loud cheer from his teammates greeted him at the bench. Brady Hammond's layup capped BSI-Blue Eagle's run, while Michael Espinosa ended Stephen's Pawnshop's more than four-minute silence with an incomplete 3-point play, 85-70, 57 seconds left on the clock. An uncontested layup by Andrew Palino pegged the final score.

Schmidt sizzled for 40 points in BSI-Blue Eagle's debut win, while Pablo added 12. Jack Aranda and James Abuy paced Stephen's Pawnshop as they hit 18 points each.

Meanwhile, Cavite also won its first game of the season after blowing out PC Bargain/Visminda in the curtain raiser, 99-76.

Cavite peppered PC Bargain with triples to cruise to victory. Preston Basa buried nine shots from beyond the arc and Cavite went on to knock in 15 treys, including five from Dan Barcinas. Basa and Barcinas combined for more than half of Cavite's output with the former firing 41 and the latter chipping in 21.

Basa was on target right from the get-go, nailing three shots from the parking lot to lift Cavite to a 26-18 advantage at the end of the first canto. He added two more in the second frame and Cavite finished the first half with three straight triples—the last one coming from Ed Cosino—for a double-digit lead, 47-35.

Basa kept going in the second half and found an ally in Barcinas, who drained four consecutive treys bridging the third and the early minutes of the fourth to break the game wide open en route to their 23-point winning margin.

First Game

Cavite 99 — Basa 41, Barcinas 21, Renguul 10, Palacios 8, Laguindam 8, Cosino 7, Barrozo 4.

PC Bargain 76 — Villacrusis 32, Reyes 11, Legaspi 10, Alegre 10, Reporsado 5, Munoz 4, Abadilla 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-18, 47-35, 70-58, 99-76.

Second Game

BSI-Blue Eagle 87— Schmidt 40, Pablo 12, Palino 7, Raho 6, Jinang 6, Standish 4, Peredo 4, Tobias 3, Hammond 2, De La Torre 2.

Stephen's Pawnshop 70 — Aranda 18, Abuy 18, Arellano 9, De Guzman 7, Espinosa 7, G. Aquino 4, Dela Rama 2, L. Aquino 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-17, 42-29, 63-55, 87-70.

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Elaine Cabrera, Gerlyn Libunao, Krista Falig, Laarni Zapanta, Losanna Santos, Maria Valentina Haberman, Rica Concepcion, Sylvia Taggart, and Jean Ballesteros.

The club's women's and junior girls crews topped the 500m and 1,500m final heats of last Saturday's friendly races, while SPC men's finished second to Marianas Outrigger canoe in the sprints and last Sunday's long distance event (12 miles).

Marianas Pacific Paddlers, Hoe Lokahi, and Napu Outigger Canoe Club also participated in the weekend's race with the former's women's team placing second in the sprints. Napu finished first in all heats in the sprints in the junior mixed division, while SPC was ranked second. In the long distances races last Sunday, Napu also completed the course ahead of SPC and Ho Lokahi.

Official times of the participating teams were not recorded as the weekend races were only used to prepare SPC, Napu, Hoe Lokahi, MPP, and MOC for next week's tournament in Palau.

Meanwhile, SPC will have a fundraising event this Saturday at the Oleai Beach Bar & Grill. The "Happy Hour" fundraiser will be held from 6pm to 10pm and for just $10 per ticket, one will get a drink and lots of live entertainment. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for the club's trip to Palau.

2016 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 1

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Middle and high school runners head out to the course during the first leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

A Saipan International School student keeps a steady pace on her way to completing the first lap of the two-lap race.

A Saipan Community School runner is a few steps away from the finish line.

Clayton Izuka is about to complete the first lap of his two-lap race.

Three runners are in a close race during the first lap of the three-lap run.

Runners start to come to the finish line.

A Saipan Community School female runner negotiates the course along with four Agape Christian School students.

The last wave of runners leaves the starting line.

Cubs rally for 4 runs in 9th, beat Giants 6-5 to win NLDS

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BSI-Blue Eagle finishes strong

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd.-Blue Eagle/SMF won its debut in the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League after routing Stephen's Pawnshop/NMBA, 87-70, last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

BSI-Blue Eagle managed to earn a 17-point winning margin despite nearly losing the driver's seat in the fourth quarter. Stephen's Pawnshop moved within a deuce, 68-70, with 5:19 left, but failed to complete its rally when Douglas Schmidt got BSI-Blue Eagle out of trouble. Schmidt anchored a pivotal 15-0 run, scoring 8 straight points in that surge to put the game away for good, 85-68, with about a minute left in the match.

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BSI-Blue Eagle/SMF's Tony Raho, right, is fouled by Stephen's Pawnshop's James Abuy, right, while Michael Espinosa, hidden, tries to provide help defense during the fourth quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Micro Cup-bound SPC focuses on fine-tuning skills

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Members of Saipan Paddling Club's men's team head back to the shore after completing the 1,500m heat during a friendly race against Marianas Outrigger Canoe last Saturday in the waters off Kilili Beach.

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Saipan Paddling Club is putting the finishing touches on its preparation for the Micro Cup 2016.

"We will still be training this week and next and will be focusing more on techniques and fine-tuning. We depart Thursday next week, so our last day on the water will be Tuesday," SPC coach Justin Andrew said last weekend after the group joined the warm-up races at Kilili Beach with other clubs that will also compete in the Oct. 21-23 tournament in Palau.

"We feel confident about our performance so far...just making sure now that little things that need adjustments on the canoe will not be overlooked at this point in time so that's why these next few days are critical for fine tuning things," Andrews added.

The SPC head will also suit up for their men's squad and he will be teaming up with his son Joshua, John Mario, Scottie Litulumar, Glenn Muna, and Daniel Kaipat. Besides its men's team, the club will also field a junior girls crew and women's squad in next week's competition that will be held in the waters off Meyuns Ramp in Koror. Mika Ythemar, Jaslyn William, Dominique Calvo, Leanna Roligat, Josephine Aguon, Deanna Kapileo, Juannie Tenorio, and Catherine Reyes are the members of the SPC junior girls team, while the women's club is composed of Danica Calvo,

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SCS, San Vicente runners excel

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Saipan Community School and San Vicente Elementary School recorded top finishes in the elementary division races in the first leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

SCS won three categories, sweeping the girls U7, U9, and U11 age groups, while San Vicente prevailed in the boys U7 and U9 divisions.

In the girls U7 age group, SCS' You Na Lin's 10:15 in the one-lap course (nearly one mile) bested the times of 10 other runners. Lin defeated Saipan International School's Phoenix Gross (11:10) and San Vicente's Madison Dela Rosa (11:24). Other finishers in the division were Agape Christian School's Sarah Jiang (11:39), XinYu Yang (11:42), and Xiao Jie Yang (12:17), San Vicente's Alexis Taitingfong (11:53), Billie Pangelinan (12:08), Frantaysha Robert (12:48), and Shalane Masga (13:34) and SCS' Hannah Li (14:40).

In the girls U9 division, Hilah Bacani and Abbie Kim gave SCS a 1-2 finish with the former clocking in at 8:47 to rule the group and the latter posting 11:07. Mt. Carmel School's Donica

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San Vicente Elementary School students, in yellow tops, lead a group of runners heading out to the course during the first leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.